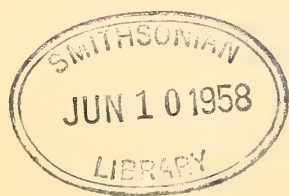


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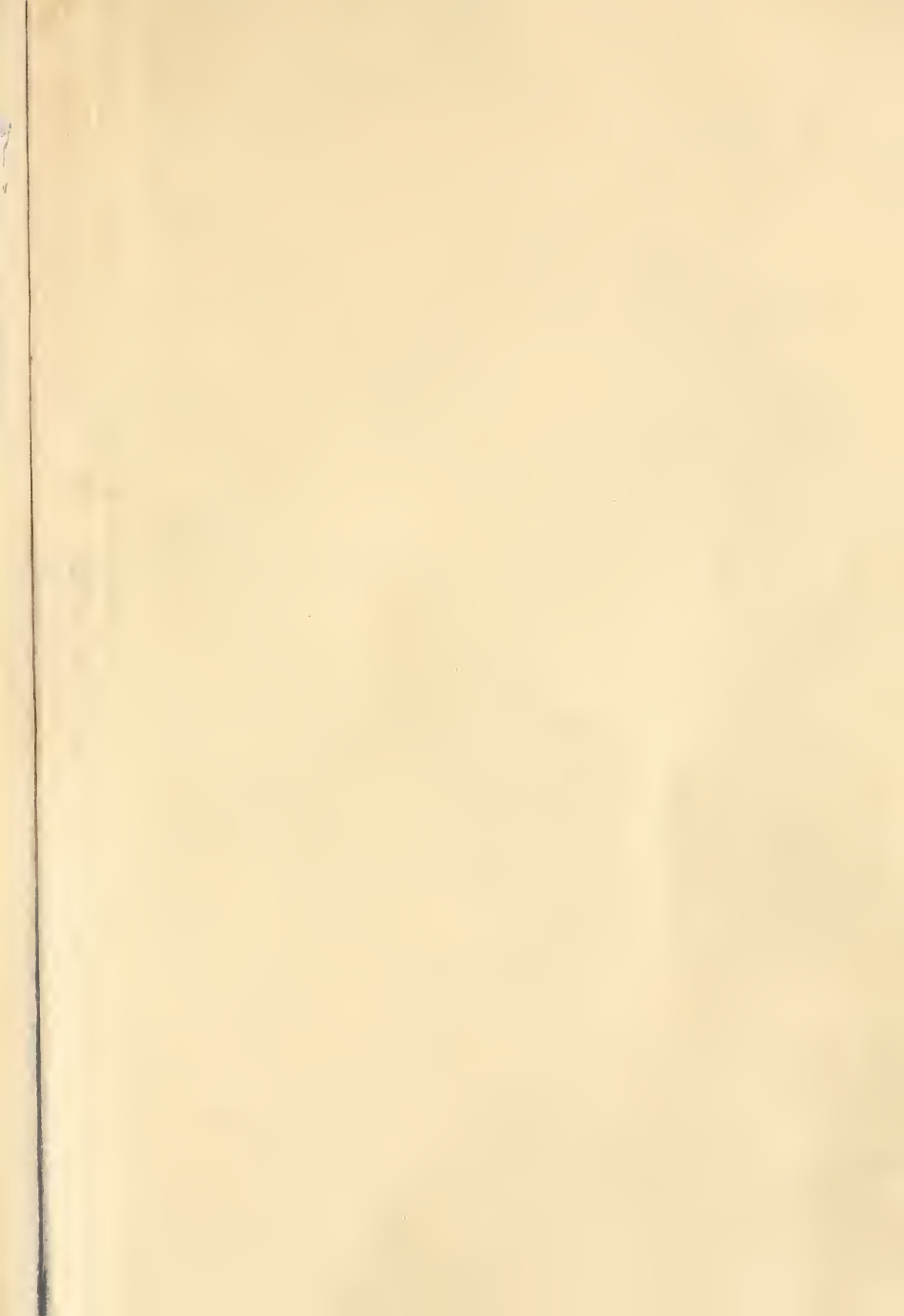
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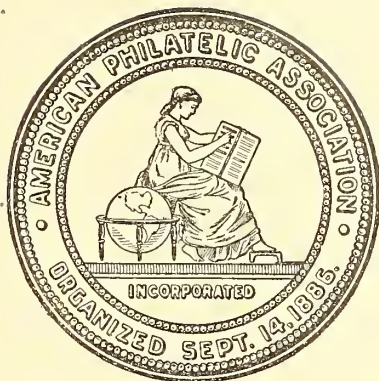
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary profit," approved March 3rd, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and guarantor to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice-Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon and Geo. L. Toppan, of Boston, Mass.; Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doeblin, of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Witnesses as to

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

MAXIL D. ROBB,
SAM E. ROBB,

Witnesses as to

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

State of Massachusetts, }
County of Suffolk, } ss.

On this 5th day of May, A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

[Notarial Seal]

JAMES A. LOWELL,
Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

State of Minnesota, }
County of Hennepin. } ss.

On this third day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and Geo. W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

[Notarial Seal]

MAXIL D. ROBB,
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

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OFFICE OF FRANK C. METCALF, Register of Deeds.
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock P. M., and was duly recorded in Book 72, of Miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

By Frank J. Peterson, *Deputy*.

FRANK C. METCALF,

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

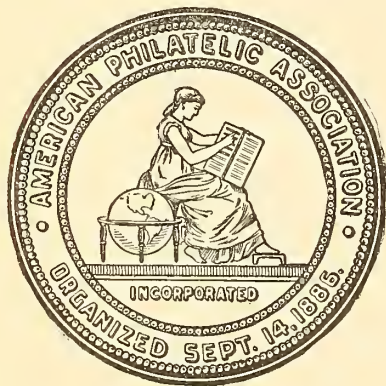
ALBERT BERG, *Secretary of State,*

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of this corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.



FRANK F. OLNEY,
President.

JOE F. BEARD,
Secretary.

Filed for record in this office Dec. 31, A. D.
1897, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

American Philatelic Association.

As adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Annual Conventions, August 1902 and 1903.

ARTICLE I.—*Capital Stock.*

SECTION 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this Association shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which shall be expressed upon its face: That the holder thereof has agreed with the Association and has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Association in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Association and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Association of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock and certificate is surrendered to the Association, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Association. That the Association has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Association and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Association; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Association that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for

that purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members of the Association, and if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer, whose signature shall be in addition to those of the two references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of one dollar, for a certificate of stock, and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending Aug. 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of twenty-one years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his reference and bondsmen, to be published in the next Official Journal sent to members, and if no objection to his admission shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and accept or reject the applicant, in their discretion, and shall certify their decision to the General Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

SEC. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Association that all members thereof should be persons

of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and they may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and require him to surrender his stock, if he be a stockholder, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Vice-Presidents deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next Convention of the Association, and such Convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. The dues of all stockholders shall be one dollar and twenty cents per annum, payable annually in advance, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence. New members shall pay dues for the remainder of the year only, computed from the beginning of the month to which they shall have been elected. No other assessment or dues shall be exacted of any stockholder, except by the amendment of this section of the By-Laws in Convention or other general meeting.

SEC. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or accounts due the Association or the Sales and Purchasing Department within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid, or the stockholder presents his resignation and surrenders his certificate of stock within thirty days thereafter, and pays amounts due, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Association, and his name shall be omitted from the Year Book. The Secretary shall notify the Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department to debar from the privileges of that Department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls. Any stockholder whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, or debt to the Association or Sales and Purchasing Department, may on payment to the Treasurer (who shall notify the Secretary) of all amounts due, be reinstated and have his stock reissued to him.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal, and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

SEC. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Association. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Association. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

SEC. 6. No stockholder of the Association who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the State of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also cause a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued prior, not less than sixty days, to the holding of such Convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Association may be called by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Association. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal, at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call, has been issued shall be given in the Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote should be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and the place at

which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Association as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All stockholders of the Association who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Association shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any called meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. No director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Association, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

SEC. 8. At all meetings of the Association, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

SEC. 9. At the annual convention of the Association, the President shall appoint the following committees, of three members each:

- Committee on Standing Rules.
- Committee on Finance.
- Committee on Library.
- Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.
- Committee on Official Journal.
- Committee on Branch Societies.
- Committee on Resolutions, and a Committee of five members, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* Chairman, on the By-Laws.

The following shall be the order of business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Roll Call.

4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees.
7. Communications.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

SEC. 10. At all special meetings of the Association, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—*Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be designated as the Board of Directors, and shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Association, and shall hold his office until the close of the next Annual Convention and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession. And at least seven of their number shall be residents of different States. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same State or locality as another Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SEC. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-Laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The objects of this Association requiring that its Directors shall be residents of different States, in order to facilitate the transaction of business and provide for a rapid decision of questions requiring the action of the Board of Directors of this Association, the stockholders direct that instead of convening in a meeting, the following proceedings may be had:

Whenever any member of the Board shall desire to submit any matter for their action, he shall reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion, and mail a copy thereof, upon a separate sheet of paper, to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he may desire to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon the reception of such motion each member shall write upon the bottom or back thereof his decision for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the votes of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original votes. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Association, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION 1. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys required by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each Annual Convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1, shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the General Fund of the Association. At each Annual Convention he shall address the Association on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

SEC. 2. *Vice-Presidents.*—The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as First Vice-President, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death or inability of the President. He shall preside over the Board of Vice-Presidents, which shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership as provided in Article II, Section 1; all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Association, and their decision of all such matters shall be final, subject to the provisos of Article II, Section 2. They shall see that proper notices of all elections, meetings, nominations, forms, etc., are sent to members as provided in these By-Laws, and they shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the General Secretary for publication in the Official Journal and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams and registry fees shall be certified by the First Vice-President and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as Secretary, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

SEC. 3. *Secretary.*—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Association, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards and receipts, countersign, register and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the official Journal; *provided*, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the

Association to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each Annual Convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Association, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Association, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the Convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property and securities of the Association. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, and publish it in the Official Journal. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and General Secretary, and shall present to the Annual Convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors, to the account of the Association, and shall give bond to the Association in the sum of not less than \$2,000. Said bond to be obtained of some surety company at expense of the Association, to be approved by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. *International Secretary.*—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the General Secretary or any other officer of the Association, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Association and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* the changes in membership so long as this Association

continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Association or its individual members.

SEC. 6. In case of death or resignation of any member of the Board of Directors the Board shall fill the vacancy, and all vacancies caused by the removal of a Director shall be filled by election, as provided by the statutes of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.—*Elections.*

SECTION 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the Committee.

SEC. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election.

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Association.

SEC. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

SEC. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any member of the Association to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

SEC. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—*Officers and Standing Committees.*

SECTION 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Association shall be:

A Superintendent of Sales Department.
 An Examiner of Sales Books.
 A Librarian.
 An Assistant Librarian.
 A Collecting Agent.
 A Counterfeit Detector,
 and such Resident and State Vice-Presidents and Auction Purchasing Agents as the Board of Directors may appoint.

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Standing Committees:

An Obituary Committee.
 A Committee on Philatelic Literature.
 An Expert Committee.
 A Committee on Philatelic Index.
 A Membership Committee, and
 A Special Library Committee.

SEC. 3. All of the officers and Standing Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other

cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or Standing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *Superintendent of Sales Department.*—This officer shall conduct the Sales Department of the Association under such rules and regulations as may be hereinafter provided. He shall be allowed a commission of ten per centum on all sales and purchases, and shall pay all expenses of his department. The Superintendent of Sales Department shall give bonds to the Association in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall at the end of every three months submit a full and accurate statement of the affairs of his department to the Board of Vice-Presidents, this statement to be accompanied by a balance sheet taken from his books upon the last day of the three months covered by the above-mentioned statement, *i. e.*, November 30, February 28 (or 29), May 31 and August 31.

SEC. 5. *Examiner of Sales Books.*—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Superintendent of Sales, before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

All stamps, etc., considered counterfeit or reprint (with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing them, and receivable for postage at the time of their sale) by the Superintendent or the Examiner of Sales Books, shall be removed from the sheets and placed in separate envelopes, marked with the price or prices placed thereon and the name of the owner, and shall not be circulated, but returned by the Superintendent, and on the square on the sheet or place provided on the cover he shall stamp the words "Specimen Removed."

When a government reprint, receivable for postage at the time of its issue, is found on a sheet or a cover, he shall stamp the word "reprint" below the square on the sheet or the place provided on the cover for the specimen.

SEC. 6. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 7. *Assistant Librarian.*—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the Association as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

SEC. 8. *Attorney.*—The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Association against any persons whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken and the proper authorities notified to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of, or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his services all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered, provided, that in case of collections made for the Association he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

SEC. 9. *Counterfeit Detector.*—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents. Postage or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

SEC. 10. *Resident Vice-Presidents.*—A Resident Vice-President shall be appointed for any locality upon the request of ten or more members of the Association residing therein, and for such foreign States and countries as the Board of Directors may deem advisable. Each resident Vice-President shall exercise a general supervision over the section in which he resides. He shall examine the case of all applicants for membership in his vicinity and shall advise the Board of Vice-Presidents of any reason that may exist for rejecting the application, or any conduct on the part of any member in his vicinity, that might render such person unworthy of membership in the Association, and make an annual report to the Convention.

SEC. 11. *Auction Purchasing Agents.*—The Auction Purchasing Agents shall, in person or by proxy, attend all auction sales of stamps held in their respective vicinities, and shall purchase for members at a commission not to exceed five per cent., and subject to such rules and regulations as each may prescribe, such stamps as these members request them to purchase for their account.

SEC. 12. *Obituary Committee.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure

during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the Official Journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their Annual Report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book of the Association.

SEC. 13. *Committee on Philatelic Literature.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to report, through the columns of the Official Journal, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals and papers, that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their Annual Report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

SEC. 14. *Committee on Philatelic Index.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to compile and prepare for publication an index of philatelic literature.

SEC. 15.—*Expert Committee.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the Committee. For the examination of each stamp the Committee shall receive the sum of one dollar. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

SEC. 16. *Membership Committee.*—The Membership Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature calculated to impress upon the Philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Association. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants when so requested by the Secretary.

SEC. 17. *Special Library Committee.*—This Committee, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, shall advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. They shall also keep a record of all books passing through their hands.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Sales Department.*

SECTION 1. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days and will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them. A fine of two cents per day for each book must be collected from members who disregard this rule. Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine he

shall be dropped from circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. Members removing a stamp must put in its place a control stamp, which the Superintendent will furnish to participants in this Department for 5 cents per 100 stamps. Members must cancel the control stamp by marking upon it the price of the stamp removed, or if they prefer they can:

1st: Sign their names in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed.

2nd. Sign a *nom de plume* which shall first have been registered with the Superintendent.

3rd. Use a rubber stamp which shall have some secret mark, with which the Superintendent shall have been made acquainted.

Should any space be found blank, or page missing, it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

Members sending in books for circulation shall not place any mark upon the space covered by the mounted stamp.

Books marked in violation of this rule shall not be circulated.

It shall be within the province of the Sales Superintendent to refuse, for cause, to circulate any books.

When books are forwarded to next on circuit list a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps taken from *each book* must be sent to the Exchange Superintendent.

A remittance for the amount of stamps taken must accompany each report, no matter whether the party has stamps circulating in the department or not, as this department is run on a strictly cash basis.

SEC. 4. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, who shall collect a premium of one-half of one per cent of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation. This fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep a special account of it, and the amounts collected for it shall be remitted to him monthly by the Superintendent, who, whenever he wishes to pay any claims from it, shall submit the facts of the case to the Board of Vice-Presidents. If they approve the claim they shall certify the same to the Secretary, with all the papers in the case, and he shall draw a warrant for the amount in the regular manner.

Should losses occur greater than the amount of the Insurance Fund in hand they shall stand as liability against the fund to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same.

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal.*

SECTION 1. The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each annual Convention of the Association.

The Official Journal will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each Annual Convention, this amount to come from the general fund.

The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

ARTICLE X.—*Annual Publication.*

SECTION 1. The *American Philatelist* shall be published annually in November, and shall contain a copy of the Charter and the By-Laws as last amended, a list of all active members, arranged alphabetically and by residence, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all Departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, a list of all Branch Societies and Affiliated Societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Association and of the publishers of the Official Journal. The *American Philatelist* shall be edited by the General Secretary and approved by the President before publication. Advertisements of responsible firms may be accepted by the Secretary upon terms satisfactory and profitable to the Association, and the proceeds turned into the general fund. One copy shall be mailed free to each member of the Association and ten copies to each Director and ten copies to the Assistant Librarian. Copies to the public or extra copies for members will be sold by the Secretary at twenty-five cents per copy, and the proceeds turned into the treasury. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Association Librarian. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the general fund.

ARTICLE XI.—*Branch Societies.*

SECTION 1. Whenever ten or more stockholders resident in the same locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same State, shall notify the Board of Directors that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government, and have selected one of their number as a

Resident or State Vice-President, and shall have submitted a copy of their rules and list of members to the Board of Directors. the Board, if satisfied that the formation of such branch would be advantageous to the Association, and that said rules are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Association, shall issue a charter or certificate under the seal of the corporation, to said stockholders that they have become a Branch or State Society, as the case may be, and shall appoint the member selected a Resident or State Vice-President, as the case may be. Such local and State branches shall be numbered in regular order in separate series, and each society shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it, *provided* that the name of a State Branch shall include the name of the State for which it is chartered. Any existing local society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SEC. 2. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Association or who shall have made application for admission as such.

The Resident and State Vice-Presidents shall make to the Board of Directors, from time to time, and to each Annual Convention, suggestions as to any matters that they may consider advisable for official consideration, and shall file with the Secretary of the Association a report of each of their meetings.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Branch Society shall send to the Treasurer on the first of July each year a complete list of the members in good standing upon that date.

SEC. 4. Any Branch Society so organized may from time to time, if it so elect, subscribe for, acquire and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Association for every ten stockholders who are members of such branch, and not already included in the number who may have acquired stock in the name of some other Branch Society, and shall vote the same by proxy, duly in-

structed, or through their Resident Vice-President.

ARTICLE XII.—*Property.*

SECTION 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

SEC. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the board in which they originated.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment, and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-Laws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such Convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any Convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-Laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.





Eighteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

American Philatelic Association

Pursuant to the following call, the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at Clayton, N. Y., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 11, 12 and 13, 1903:

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26, 1903.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may be legally brought before it will be convened in the town of Clayton, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, 1903, and upon the succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee on Credentials: P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, Ill., Chairman; D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa; George W. Rode, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. F. Gregory, of New York, N. Y.

I also appoint the following gentlemen as the Committee of Arrangements: Dr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., John N. Luff, and P. F. Bruner, all of New York, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to the location of the Convention Hall and of the hour for the assembling of the Convention. Your President earnestly requests that all members make a special effort to attend, as matters of great importance to this Association will be discussed and acted upon, and as Clayton is a charming summer resort, it will give the members a pleasant outing from the cares of business

ALEX. HOLLAND, *President.*

The following stockholders were present:

J. M. Bartels.....	Boston, Mass.
J. D. Bartlett.....	Springfield, Mass.
A. W. Batchelder	Boston, Mass.
R. R. Bogert	Brooklyn, N. Y.
P. F. Bruner	New York City.
Frank H. Burt	Boston, Mass.
E. M. Carpenter	Boston, Mass.
Bertrand L. Drew	Cambridge, Mass.
H. E. Deats	Flemington, N. J.
E. Doebelin	Pittsburg, Pa.
W. F. Gregory	New York City.
Raynor Hubbell	Buffalo, N. Y.
L. C. Hassler	Louisville, Ky.
Alex. Holland	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Gordon Ireland	Cambridge, Mass.
H. W. Legg	Boston, Mass.
John N. Luff	New York City.
Eben S. Martin	Minneapolis, Minn.
John J. Oesch	Chicago, Ill.
George W. Rode	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Chas. Steigerwalt	Lancaster, Pa.
James H. Stebbins, Jr.....	New York City.
Wm. C. Stone	Springfield, Mass.
Edwin F. Sawyer	Brighton, Mass.
Geo. L. Toppan	New York City.
Geo. H. Worthington	Cleveland, Ohio.
Willard O. Wyllie	Beverly, Mass.

P. M. Wolsieffer	Chicago, Ill.
There were also in attendance the following visitors:	
Miss Charlott R. Bogert	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Helen Bogert	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. R. R. Bogert.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. A. W. Batchelder	Salem, Mass.
Mrs. E. M. Carpenter	Boston, Mass.
Mrs. E. Doeblin	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alvin Good	Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. L. C. Hassler	Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. V. P. Martin	Minneapolis, Minn.
Mrs. Mamie E. Oesch	Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Edwin F. Sawyer	Brighton, Mass.
Mrs. W. C. Stone	Springfield, Mass.

In accordance with the program prepared by the Committee of Arrangements, ample opportunity was given the members and guests to enjoy the attractions of Clayton and the Thousand Islands in the intervals between sessions. After the opening session Tuesday a group photograph was taken on the piazza of the Hubbard House, and in the afternoon a fifty-mile trip among the islands in the Canadian and American waters was taken on the steamer "New Island Wanderer." Tuesday evening being devoted to meetings of the Board of Directors and the various committees, no special entertainment was provided. Wednesday afternoon was occupied by informal excursions by various groups of members in different directions, and in the evening the steamer "St. Lawrence" was taken for a searchlight trip through the islands. On Thursday afternoon another trip through the islands was taken by the steam yacht "Ramona," giving an opportunity to see many of the narrower and wilder channels not accessible by the large boats. Thursday evening was pleasantly spent in the parlors of the Hubbard House, with informal dancing. The company broke up on Friday morning, the majority going down the St. Lawrence by steamer to Montreal for a few days of sight seeing, some of the party continuing their Canadian tour as far as Quebec.



PROCEEDINGS

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, August 11th, 1903

The convention met in Redmen's Hall, twenty-three members and fourteen guests being present, and was called to order by the president, Mr. Alexander Holland, at 11 a. m.

The President: The Chair will call the Eighteenth Annual Convention to order. Mr. Luff, I believe, has an announcement to make.

Mr. John N. Luff: Mr. President, Dr. Stebbins, the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, is unable, on account of professional duties, to be present this morning, and so cannot present his program personally. (Reading report.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS—PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11th.

Photograph of members and visitors to be taken at the corner of the Hubbard House at 1:30 p. m.

Ramble among the islands on steamer "New Island Wanderer" starting from R. R. dock at 2:35 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12th.

Fishing and amusements at members choice in the afternoon. Illumination trip in the evening on steamer "St. Lawrence," leaving at 8:20 p. m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13th.

Ramble among the islands on steamer "Ramona," starting at 10:30 a. m.

The President: Members will note that we have to go on the excursion this afternoon rather soon after the picture is to be taken, and we shall have to be there on time.

Mr. George L. Toppan was called to the chair.

The Presiding Officer: Gentlemen, we will listen to the address of the President.

President's Address. By Alexander Holland.

Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: For the past five years it has been your pleasure to listen to our former president, Mr. George L. Toppan, give the opening address of our Annual Convention, and I do not feel that I can approach his high literary and oratorical standard; however that may be, I am deeply grateful to you for the assistance you have given me in the past year towards helping me in my administration of the affairs of our Association.

From a philatelic standpoint the past year has, as usual, seen a great influx of new issues, some of which deserve only the ash heap.

In our own country we have seen an entire new issue of adhesive and envelope stamps. Opinions as to their worth from an artistic standpoint differ materially. Personally, I consider the adhesives a beautiful production, while I consider the envelopes the worst this Government has ever put out.

A large number of King's head issues have appeared from the various British colonies, and the South and Central American Republics have, as usual, been prolific in new issues.

Of the latter, there is one especially to which I wish to call your attention, and which I wish to show up in its true light, if possible. I refer to the issues of the United States of Colombia, which, for the past six months have been coming with increasing regularity, and are the worst possible description, being very detrimental to the welfare of stamp collecting in general. These stamps have appeared to the face value of many dollars each, but are only worth, even at the post offices, a few cents on the dollar; they were simply and absolutely made for sale to collectors and have no philatelic value whatever. It is a great shame that the unstable governments of these Republics should descend to such means of raising revenue as they seem to do, and I should like to see the time come when all collectors the world over would absolutely refuse to buy such trash. About the same might be said of Venezuela.

Relating to matters pertaining to our Association I am very sorry to have to say that our membership has not materially increased since a year ago.

This, I think, is largely due to the non-existence of a Membership Committee.

Your Secretary, who has served the Association so long and faithfully, and to whom all possible honor, praise and thanks are due, together with myself scoured the country for suitable members of this Committee, but it was absolutely impossible for us to find any one, as the work is burdensome, and everybody in these prosperous times, I am happy to say, is extremely busy, and does not care to assume the responsibilities and duties of this Committee.

I trust that this coming year your Board of Directors may be able to procure a suitable committee which may materially increase the membership of our Association, which is lamentably low for the number of collectors in this country.

It seems to me that there is a great lack of patriotism, if it may be called such, in the non-support by the general stamp collecting public of the parent National Association.

Every collector should at least support this Association, as it does not cost very much, and the benefits are such as to make it worth his while.

The Exchange Department this year, which of course is the principal benefit of our Association, has shown wonderfully good returns under the able management of our Exchange Superintendent, Mr. John J. Oesch, and I trust that Mr. Oesch may be prevailed upon to continue his administration of that Department.

The Expert Committee, which was authorized last year was appointed by your Board of Directors after a careful survey of the field, and I believe that today we have as fine a Committee as can be gotten together in any country in the world. Centralization of this Committee in New York enables it to have at its command the large collection and libraries which are located there for study and research, which it might otherwise be hard to procure, and the three gentlemen constituting the Committee are recognized as experts in their line, though there have only been comparatively few specimens submitted for examination, which of course is to be regretted, nevertheless you can hardly expect the first year of such a Committee to show that they have done a large amount of work for the members, as it takes time for collectors throughout the country to realize for what purpose and how expert this Committee is.

I trust that soon we may receive from Europe stamps for examination, and that our Committee will rank with the Committee of the London Society which has been in existence a number of years. This Committee must be supported and I ask you all to give it such support as you can.

The Committee on Philatelic Index will make its first report at this Convention, and I trust that the members will, when called upon, give this Committee all the possible help they may be able, as the work, when well and properly done, will be a great benefit to the members.

The philatelic exhibitions held during the past year have been about as uniformly successful as those in the previous year, and it was my desire, as well as that of several members of this Association, that an exhibition be given this year at our Convention, but on account of the inadequate safeguards for the security of valuable collections, it was thought advisable not to attempt anything of the kind. Had there been here a safe deposit vault in which our collections could have been placed for safe keeping I should have advocated the holding of some sort of an exhibition here for the enjoyment and enlightenment of the members.

I trust next year, wherever our Convention is to be held, there may be such a place as will be suitable for the absolute security of any valuable collections which may be brought, and that we may have an exhibition which will do credit to our Association and be a pleasure to those who view it.

It is with great regret that we meet here without our fellow member, Mr. Johnson of Boston, who died early in the winter. Mr. Johnson was one of the best workers this Association ever had, and was a man who always had his heart and soul in his work.

In conclusion I desire to thank you again, and also the officers of this Association for the help they have given me during the past year, and I trust that the next year will prove to be a more profitable and helpful one for the Association and the members which compose it.

I wish to thank you for the courtesy with which you have received my first address, which I assure you I appreciate as a great honor, and I trust that you may all enjoy yourselves in this delightful spot for the few days of our Convention, and that I may have the pleasure of meeting you all next year and that in the meantime God may keep and prosper you.

The President resumed the chair.

The President: The next order of business is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I am not the chairman of this Committee, but because I wrote the report it was thought advisable that I should read it, being a little more familiar with the hand-writing.

FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We have received 247 ballots of which two were rejected (one because it was a duplicate of another ballot signed by the same member, and the other because the signer was not a member, the required thirty days not having elapsed since he was proposed for membership), thus leaving 245 legal ballots:

The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of legal ballots cast.....	245
Gordon Ireland	243
A. Holland	242
E. Doebelin	242
H. B. Phillips	242
F. H. Burt	240
W. O. Wylie.....	240
F. W. Coning	239
C. L. Annan.....	160
D. T. Eaton	122
E. R. Aldrich	122
C. E. Severn	62
W. H. Barnum	11
P. M. Wolsieffer	6
H. E. Deats	4
J. N. Luff	3
W. C. Stone	3
F. J. Bescher	2
E. M. Carpenter	1
J. H. Cowan	1
W. W. Jewett	1
M. H. Lombard	1
J. V. Painter	1

The Committee therefore report the following nine members to have been elected directors for the ensuing year:

Gordon Ireland.
A. Holland,
E. Doebelin,
H. B. Phillips,
F. W. Burt,
W. O. Wylie,
F. W. Coning,
C. L. Annan,
D. T. Eaton,

Messrs. D. T. Eaton and E. R. Aldrich each received the same number of votes (122), but, as another member residing in the same state as Mr. Aldrich had received a larger number of votes, he (Mr. Aldrich) was not eligible as a director and there was, therefore, no question of a tie vote between him and Mr. Eaton.

One member saw fit to cast a vote for John Doe of Texas, but, as no such name appears on our list of members, the vote was not recognized.

The Committee received 259 proxies, of which they approved 243 and rejected 16. The reasons for rejecting the proxies were: eleven were from foreign members but were not viséd by a U. S. Consul as required by law; in two no proxy was named; the signer of one, though proposed for membership, had not been elected at the time the proxy was signed; and two were cancelled by proxies of later date.

The approved proxies were distributed as follows:

P. M. Wolsieffer.....	76
J. J. Oesch	66
J. N. Luff	37
G. W. Rode	22
G. L. Toppan	21
W. C. Stone	10
E. M. Carpenter	9
D. T. Eaton	2

A protest received from Mr. E. R. Aldrich was not allowed by the Committee.

Your Committee recommend that in future the proxies, or at least those sent to foreign members, shall bear a notification that the proxies of members not living in this country must be viséd by a U. S. Consul in order that they may conform with our national laws.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
GEORGE W. RODE,
JOHN N. LUFF,
W. F. GREGORY,
GEORGE L. TOPPAN,

The President: I trust that the members of the Association will not think I am discourteous if I sit down, but on account of my arm I want to rest as much as possible. The roll-call, I believe, is next in order.

On motion of Mr. Doebelin, seconded by Mr. A. W. Batchelder, the roll-call was dispensed with.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Secretary: The President has appointed the following committees for this convention. The Committee on Arrangements and the Committee on Credentials have been named previously, as you know.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

ARRANGEMENTS.—J. H. Stebbins, Jr., J. N. Luff, P. F. Bruner.

CREDENTIALS.—P. M. Wolsieffer, D. T. Eaton, Geo. W. Rode, W. F. Gregory, G. L. Toppan.

STANDING RULES.—H. W. Legg, E. F. Sawyer, L. C. Hassler.

FINANCE.—E. M. Carpenter, R. R. Bogert, P. F. Bruner.

LIBRARY.—H. E. Deats, E. Doebelin, W. C. Stone.

SALES AND PURCHASING.—P. M. Wolsieffer, J. M. Bartels, E. M. Carpenter.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.—W. O. Wylie, W. C. Stone, A. W. Batchelder.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.—W. F. Gregory, J. D. Bartlett, G. W. Rode.

RESOLUTIONS.—F. H. Burt, Gordan Ireland, P. F. Bruner.

BY-LAWS.—A. Holland, H. E. Deats, G. L. Toppan, John J. Oesch, J. N. Luff.

The President: The other committees are those appointed at the beginning of the year, and of course are still in force.

The next in order, gentlemen, is the reading of the minutes of the last convention.

Mr. Luff: I move that the reading of the records be dispensed with, as they have already been printed in the Year Book.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Doebelin.

Mr. Toppan: I move as an amendment to that motion that the minutes as published be accepted. They have not been accepted yet.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion, and the motion as amended prevailed.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mr. Gordon Ireland, Secretary of the Board of Vice-Presidents, read the report of that board, as follows:

BOSTON, Mass., August 1, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The fifth Board of Vice-Presidents of your Association, as elected by you at the Seventeenth Convention, August 12, 1902, organized almost immediately upon the receipt of the necessary books and records from the retiring Board, as reported to you through the official publication. Since that time we have held eight meetings, and have taken several mail votes under circumstances occasionally rendering a personal meeting impossible. In January of the present year we were saddened by the resignation, speedily followed by the death, of our earnest counselor and pleasant collaborator, Mr. J. F. Johnson, whose absence comes home to us anew at this Convention time. On February 13th, your Directors elected Edwin F. Sawyer to fill out the unexpired term.

We have during the year been called upon to act in eleven cases of complaints against members of the Association. One of these we were unable to get reduced to tangible form by the complainant, three passed out of our jurisdiction while we were still willing to act upon them because of the delay in submitting the charges; five we are happy to report as

satisfactorily settled to all parties concerned; the remaining two are pending because of unavoidable delays, and must be turned over by us to the incoming Board. Our Secretary has during the year written 85 letters; and the total expense of the Board to you has been \$15.06.

We have at the very end of the year brought before us a peculiar case of loss in the Sales Department for which, so far as we know, there is no precedent in the history of the Association. Upon the return of a bundle of books from circulation, the Superintendent found that 7 double pages, mounting ten stamps on each half, had been torn completely and bodily from seven of the books. Efforts to detect the thief have so far proved unavailing, and we have ordered the owners paid from the Insurance Fund; but we feel that some competent action should be taken to render a like occurrence impossible in the future. Books hereafter supplied by the Superintendent are to have their pages numbered in large type upon the left-hand or reverse side, now blank; and a rule of the department is to call the attention of those receiving books to the necessity of noting that these numbers are properly consecutive, just as one now looks for uncanceled blank spaces, or the last person on the circuit is to be held responsible therefor. Such regulations, however, concern the Superintendent's management of his Department, and should in addition be rendered officially binding, we think, by certain amendments to the By-Laws. We would respectfully request that the Committee on By-Laws bring in the following recommendation for amendment:

Art. VIII, Sec. 3, paragraph beginning "Should any blank space be found, it is the member's duty," etc.: insert after the fourth word "or missing page."

We wish in passing again to call your attention to the great desirability of earnest and individual scrutiny by each member of all his knowledge of every candidate proposed for membership; and an immediate readiness to announce to this, the sole disciplinary body in our organization, every bona fide lapse from straightforward, businesslike and honest dealing on the part of any member. Your Board has not for the most part been disappointed in its opinion of the integrity of the members, and we trust that the strength which a clean roll brings may belong increasingly to the Association. We have worked in pleasant harmony with the other Directors: and feel that the year as a whole has decidedly been one of gathering conservative but valuable resources on the part of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON IRELAND,

Secretary for the Board.

On motion of Mr. Toppan, seconded by Mr. Stone, the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents was accepted and placed on file, and such parts of it as related to amendments to the by-laws were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary, Mr. H. E. Deats, read the following report:

CLAYTON, N. Y., August 11, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—I take pleasure in presenting my fourth and final annual report as Secretary. We close the year with a net increase in membership since the last Convention of five.

Fifty-seven new stockholders have been elected during the year, and sixteen members previously dropped for non-payment of dues have been reinstated.

On November first last, the time limit set for the payment of dues, forty-nine were dropped for failure to pay and one was expelled in compliance with terms set at the last convention.

Fourteen resignations have been accepted during the year and three are now pending. There are also twelve applications for membership now pending.

All the above is more clearly set forth in the following statement:

Membership at date of last Convention.....	555
New stockholders	57
Reinstated	16— 73
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	628
Dropped for non-payment of dues	49
Died	4
Resigned	14
Expelled by last Convention	1— 68
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Total membership August 11, 1903..... 560

During the year it has been my duty to chronicle the deaths of four members—

- No. 1256. Richard P. Mayer.
- No. 1049. Frank E. Keilbach.
- No. 574. J. F. Johnson.
- No. 321. H. G. O. Ramborger.

The first two having passed away during the preceding year, were included in the report of the Obituary Committee in the Year Book of 1902. Mr. Ramborger died February 23, 1902, and hence should have been reported last year also, but I did not learn of his death in time.

After consultation with the Treasurer, I have adopted a new form of order or warrant, which is signed by the President and Secretary, and then goes to the Treasurer for his signature, when it becomes an accepted draft, payable at the bank where the Treasurer's account is kept.

The file of the American Philatelist for the Minnesota Historical Society (see page 18 of Year Book of 1902) was sent them soon after the last convention.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

At the convention of 1902, the draft for \$34.25 turned in by the Membership Committee was left in my hands. As no committee was appointed this year, I placed the draft in my Association bank account, and present herewith a draft for that amount, which properly goes to the Membership Committee for the coming year.

I recommend that the new committee adopt the "follow up" system with those inquiring after the Association. I also recommend that investigation of applicants be made by the Membership Committee instead of by the Secretary, and that it be done before the first publication of the application.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Pittsburg and Chicago Branches are still in existence and their reports have appeared regularly in the official journal. The New York and St. Paul Branches have not reported to me during the past year. The Minneapolis Branch is a new one, organized during the year, largely through the efforts of Mr. E. S. Martin.

CASH RECEIPTS.

From August 1, 1902, to July 31, 1903, I have received cash as follows:

Stock	\$65.00	
Dues, new members.....	39.50	
Dues, new members for 1904 in advance.....	7.20	
Dues	129.00	
Year Books	2.50	
Duplicate stock certificates.....	.50	
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		\$243.70

I have remitted to the Treasurer as follows:

Sept. 18, 1902, Cash to Treasurer, August collections	\$57.60	
Oct. 27, " " " " September collections	8.70	
Nov. 29, " " " " October collections	16.80	
Dec. 5, " " " " November collections	41.25	
Jan. 20, 1903, " " " " December collections	49.05	
July 22, " " " " January collections	7.85	
July 22, " " " " February collections	11.70	
July 22, " " " " March collections	12.65	
July 22, " " " " April collections	5.40	
July 22, " " " " May collections	5.10	
July 22, " " " " June collections	7.20	
Aug. 1, " " " " July collections	20.40	
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		\$243.70

The following is a statement of the expenses of my office for the year, amounting to \$73.15.

Vouchers for all items except postage accompanying the report.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, TO H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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1902		
Sept. 2.	Postage for August.....	\$3.11
30.	Postage for September	1.63
Oct. 31.	Postage for October	4.18
Nov. 3.	Express bills, \$1.50, \$0.10, \$0.15, \$0.18.....	1.93
28.	Brower Bros., letter files.....	2.20
29.	Postage for November	5.64
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		\$18.69
Dec. 1.	Express on membership cards25
	Postal Telegraph Co., \$0.50, \$0.60.....	1.10
1903.		
Jan. 1.	Postage for December	4.60

Jan. 6.	Postage on 530 Year Books at 5c.....	26.50	
	10. P. R. P., Freight on Year Books.....	.42	\$32.45
	10. C. E. Connet, rubber stamps, \$0.50, \$0.30.....	.80	
	31. Postage for January	3.11	
Feb. 2.	Adams Express, \$0.30, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.30, \$0.45.....	1.80	
	28. Postage for February	1.86	
Mar. 31.	Postage for March	2.23	
April 30.	Postage for April	1.48	
May 30.	Postage for May	2.24	
June 30.	Postage for June	8.07	
			\$22.01
			\$73.15

During the year I have drawn thirty orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$674.93, as follows:

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1902—1903.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name and Purpose.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1902.			
Aug. 20.	73.	C. L. Annan, Treas., Librarian's dues.....	\$1.20
	74.	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses to Convention.....	31.40
Sept. 2.	75.	Arkansas Dem. Co., Treas., printing	3.50
	76.	Kihn Bros., membership cards	10.50
	77.	H. G. Smith, Supt. Insurance Fund	5.67
	15.	78. Arkansas Dem. Co., Treas. printing.....	8.25
	79.	C. L. Annan, postage	10.70
	26.	80. E. Doebelin, Int. Sec'y, subscription to <i>V. K. B.</i>	5.00
Oct. 20.	81.	C. E. Severn, expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.....	2.20
	27.	82. Frank H. Burt, Convention report.....	45.00
Nov. 10.	83.	Gordon Ireland, expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.....	9.85
Nov. 29.	84.	W. W. Jewett, ac. Official Journal.....	100.00
Dec. 1.	85.	H. G. Smith, Supt. Insurance Fund.....	7.15
		86. Gordon Ireland, expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.....	2.07
		87. H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses	18.69
	2.	88. Wm. M. Carson, Agt., Treas. bond.....	20.00
	18.	89. C. L. McFarland, Insurance Fund	3.20
1903.			
Jan. 6.	90.	MacCrellish & Quigley, printing Year Book.....	182.23
	91.	MacCrellish & Quigley, printing By-Laws.....	6.00
	13.	92. H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses	32.45
	28.	93. Anthony Killgore, printing.....	30.50
Feb. 7.	94.	C. H. Fox, binding	3.75
	16.	95. C. L. Annan, Treas., expenses	5.24
June 11.	96.	Alexander Holland, Pres., expenses.....	14.10
	97.	Anthony Killgore, printing ballots, etc.....	10.88
July 7.	98.	Gordon Ireland, expenses of Board of Vice-Pres.....	2.76
	99.	John J. Oesch, insurance	25.63
	20.	100. A. Killgore, printing	5.00
	101.	H. E. Deats, Secretary's expenses	22.01
	27.	102. W. W. Jewett, ac. Official Journal	50.00
			\$674.93

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. E. M. Carpenter, the report of the Secretary was received and ordered placed on file and referred to the several appropriate committees.

The President: The report of the International Secretary, Mr. Doebelin. (Applause.)

Mr. Doebelin: Wait till I am through. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Doebelin: Gentlemen, if you will pardon me, my typewriter only gave me these reports just before I left.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—Every year when the winter storms cease, the snow melts, the songbirds make their appearance with the warmer rays of the sun, when spring comes in all his glory, a certain, undefined longing fills my breast. At first it seems a strange, incomprehensible feeling, but slowly it takes shape and I wonder: Is it the desire for warmer days and sunshine, that the heart longs for, or what is it?

Certainly the summer has its joys, but the heat affects me personally anything but agreeably. Now what can it be that makes me feel so glad in the good old summer time?

I begin to understand. About the middle of summer the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association takes place. That causes the longing and joyful anticipation which comes with the first balmy days of spring. The Convention! There I meet my dear old friends and find new ones, who, like me, have taken to the habit of stamp collecting. There they come, all of them, who for years have shared my midsummer vacation, and I anticipate with delight the meeting.

But there is also the other side, not quite so agreeable, the thought of the Annual Report. What in the world have I to report? But most of the members think that the International Secretary has no work to do. To those I wish to say that the office is no sinecure. Looking over my copybook, I find that I wrote 68 letters to foreign countries and all of them letters which do not gain a single cent, neither for me nor for the Philatelic Association, but require expenditures for postage.

Foreign dealers request that I get stamps for them which they send on inspection, or that I collect money for sold stamps. And in nearly all cases the correspondents are not members of our association. I answer that the association renders such services to members only and enclose an application blank for membership, but get no reply.

Others send stamps with the request to let them circulate among our members. They get the same reply. But they would not pay the small membership fee and their stamps are returned.

A Greek inquired whether he could send me stamps for the association. I wrote, advising him to become a member, enclosed an application blank and asked for remittance of \$1.60. He sent me some used Olympian Game stamps with Scott Catalogue prices attached, and requested me to pay with them "his share of stock and dues." I declined and returned his stamps—he has never renewed his application. In this way I am kept busy the whole year.

Our esteemed Secretary, Mr. H. E. Deats, sent me, a few months ago, a list of six foreign members who were in arrears with their dues, and I was supposed to admonish them. That seems easy, but it is not so easy, for the six members consisted of two Germans, one Englishman, one Frenchman, one Swede and one Spaniard.

From this you can see that I earn all the salary I get in the sweat of my brow, and in case of my re-election I shall make a kick for an increase.

The greatest philatelic event of the year was evidently the stamp exhibition at Muehlhausen on the Rhine. The exhibited collections were extremely valuable, and the total value of the stamps is said to have reached the enormous sum of five million marks. I will not dwell any longer on this subject, most of us have probably read detailed descriptions in the Philatelic papers.

New issues were plentiful. No country wanted to be in the rear, and all issued new stamps, whether necessary or not; think of all the issues of King's heads. It takes a fortune to buy all of them.

If there is a country which in the last twelve months has failed to bless us with a new issue, I would like to know it. The unfortunate Servia, the country of swine-herds, had a new issue ready with the head of Alexander, ready to be let loose upon us poor philatelists, although a new series had appeared only six or eight months ago.

Then happened the assassination of the King and the first thing the new King, the old Peter, did, was to print on top of the face of Alexander the Servian Coat of Arms; he had hardly taken possession of the throne, when he promised a new issue of stamps, and not long hence a new series will appear to empty our pockets. And such is the course of a stamp-collector's life. Will the next postal congress call a halt to this nuisance?

The American Philatelic Association received an invitation to the Fifteenth German Philatelic Convention in Pforzheim, Baden, on August 28th to September 1st, 1903.

German collectors will doubtless enjoy a good time there.

I wish to propose to you to authorize me to send a congratulatory cable to the Convention and allow \$4.00 from the treasury for this purpose.

At the conclusion of my report I would ask you to assist the "Vertrauliche Correspondenz Blatt," as in former years, with the donation.

Yours very truly,

E. DOEBLIN.

Mr. Doebelin: (After reading the sentence of the report in which he refers to "the stamp habit.") Gentlemen, I use the word "habit" because some of my friends who are not collectors always say to me that the stamp habit is as bad to cure as the liquor habit, and I think they are right. Don't we lick our stamps? (Laughter.)

Mr. Doebelin continued the reading of his report, which was followed by prolonged applause.

Mr. Doebelin: I will see you later. (Cries of "All right!")

Mr. Stone: In Pittsburg, 1904!

Mr. Batchelder: You're it!

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the International Secretary; what is your pleasure?

It was moved that the report of the International Secretary be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The motion to accept the report was put to vote and carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Secretary read the following report:

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 4th, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—I present herewith a statement of the financial affairs of the Association for the past twelve months.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Amount on hand August 8th, 1902	\$27.87
Dues received in August	61.20
" " " September	272.40
" " " October	118.40
" " " November	88.40
" " " December	51.00
" " " January	40.30
" " " March	1.20
" " " June	1.20
" " " July	22.90
" " " August	8.40
Two duplicate certificates .....	.50
Ten Year Books	2.50
Interest on certificate of deposit.....	30.00
	<hr/> \$726.27

Disbursements.

No.	Paid.		
	1902.		
73.	Aug. 30.	C. L. Annan, Treas., Librarian's dues.....	\$1.20
74.	Aug. 30.	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses to Convention.....	31.40
75.	Sept. 10.	Arkansas Dem. Co., postal cards, etc.....	3.50
76.	Sept. 10.	Kohn Bros., membership cards.....	10.50
78.	Sept. 19.	Arkansas Dem. Co., postal cards, etc.....	8.25
79.	Sept. 18.	C. L. Annan, Treas., stamped envelopes.....	10.70
80.	Oct. 3.	E. Doebelin, Int. Sec'y, subscription V. K. B.....	5.00
81.	Nov. 11.	C. E. Severn, expenses Board of V.-P.....	2.20
82.	Nov. 12.	Frank H. Burt, Convention report.....	45.00
83.	Nov. 24.	Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V.-P.....	9.85
84.	Dec. 8.	W. W. Jewett, acct. Official Journal.....	100.00
86.	Dec. 10.	Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V.-P.....	2.07
87.	Dec. 10.	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses	18.69
88.	Dec. 8.	Wm. M. Carson, Agt., Treas. bond.....	20.00
	1903.		
90.	Jan. 14.	McCrellish & Quigley, printing Year Book.....	182.23
91.	Jan. 14.	McCrellish & Quigley, printing By-Laws.....	6.00
92.	Jan. 24.	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses.....	32.45
93.	Feb. 3.	Anthony Killgore, printing.....	30.50
94.	Feb. 18.	C. H. Fox, binding.....	3.75

95.	Feb. 20.	C. L. Annan, Treas., expenses.....	5.24	
96.	June 19.	Alexander Holland, Pres., expenses.....	14.10	
97.	June 19.	Anthony Killgore, printing ballots, etc.....	10.88	
98.	June 19.	Gordon Ireland, expenses Board of V.-P.....	2.76	
100.	June 19.	Anthony Killgore, printing	5.00	
101.	June 19.	H. E. Deats, Sec'y, expenses.....	22.01	
102.	June 19.	W. W. Jewett, account Official Journal.....	50.00	
				\$633.28
Balance				\$92.99

STOCK FUND.

Amount in fund August 8th, 1902.....	\$1,762.00
Subscriptions received in September	6.00
" " " October	2.00
" " " November	7.00
" " " December	5.00
" " " January, 1903	8.00
" " " July	25.00
" " " August	12.00
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	\$1,827.00

INSURANCE FUND.

Receipts.

Total in fund August 8th, 1902.....	\$879.37
Deposited July 3d, 1903.....	\$126.50
Deposited July 14th, 1903.....	27.02
	—————\$1,032.89

Disbursements.

No.	Paid.			
	1902.			
77.	Sept. 9.	H. G. Smith, Supt. Sales Dept.....	5.67	
85.	Dec. 11.	H. G. Smith, Supt. Sales Dept.....	7.15	
	1903.			
89.	Jan. 3.	C. J. McFarland, losses	3.20	
99.		John J. Oesch, Supt. Sales Dept.....	25.63	
			41.65	991.24
Balance unexpended of amounts paid by check in excess of dues for cost of collect-				
ing such checks			5.60	
Total in all funds				\$2,916.83

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANNAN,

Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Toppan, seconded by Mr. Stone, the Treasurer's report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Secretary read the report of the Resident Vice-President for Boston, as follows:

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—My report as Resident Vice-President of Boston will necessarily be brief, as I was appointed only a few months since, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

All applications of persons residing in this vicinity have been carefully passed on, and all other regular business has been attended to.

With best wishes for the success of the Convention and regretting my inability to be present.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. LOMBARD,

Resident Vice-President of Boston.

Winchester, Mass., August 4, 1903.

Report accepted.

The Secretary read the report of the Resident Vice-President for San Francisco, as follows:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The Resident Vice-President for San Francisco begs to report the interests of the American Philatelic Association and philately in general in his territory in a satisfactory condition. While the number of new members secured may be small, there is no diminution of interest among the older ones, and a steady stream of new recruits is coming forward, many of whom must be permanent ones, and in due time become members of the American Philatelic Association. The beginner in philately is slow to perceive the benefits in an association such as ours. He inclines to the belief that it is made up chiefly of what are called "advanced collectors," and that he can gain nothing by associating with persons so far ahead of him until he shall have made some considerable progress. This idea should be combatted by all who have the interest of philately at heart, or who wish to see the association prosper. While it is not advantageous to take in members who drop out at the end of the first year, it should be the aim of local societies and branches to encourage the young collector. Without a large membership and a goodly number of due-paying members, the association will always be short of funds to carry on the work which is so urgently needed. Then, too, there is an inspiration to the older collectors in the zeal and enthusiasm of the younger generation. What can give the rational collector more genuine pleasure than showing his treasures to his young friends, when there is an intelligent appreciation shown by them? The collector who simply hoards stamps and never shows them to anyone is cultivating a miserly spirit which should not be fostered. There is pleasure in showing, and pleasure in being shown fine collections. This was exemplified at the exhibition of the San Francisco society last year, when both young and old collectors were literally "turned loose" in the finest collection held on the Pacific Coast. It is safe to say that no one enjoyed the exhibition so well as the owner of the collection, and he derived his pleasure from witnessing the genuine satisfaction of those who saw it.

The exhibition above alluded to was held at the Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco, the 26th and 27th of September, 1902, and was not only the chief philatelic event of the year, but was by far the most important function in the annals of Pacific Coast philately. The list of "Honors and Prizes" consisted of seventy classes, and entries were made in all but four. The list was made with a view of giving an opportunity to the owners of small or specialized collections to win against the very large ones, and the results were very satisfactory. Full reports were published in the *American Journal of Philately*, and shorter mention in various publications, including the leading English philatelic periodicals. The list of "Honors and Prizes" elicited from Mr. M. P. Castle, editor of the *London Philatelist*, a cordial and appreciative notice, in the July number of that journal, in which he printed the full list, with comments on the many novel features.

It should be a matter for congratulation that collectors are more generally subscribing to and reading the philatelic papers and magazines. Fortunately the flood of small and frequently worthless papers so common in the United States and Canada has grown less, until now there are not so many claimants for the attention of collectors, and those remaining are of a much superior class. Without papers and periodicals philately cannot flourish, and the best-informed collector is the one who reads widely. It seems fitting in this report to allude to the fact that several members of the association in and near this city are making collections of philatelic literature as an aid to their studies and are endeavoring to gather what they call a "working library." One collection, that of William J. Gardner, promises to become a notable one. For a number of years the Pacific Philatelic Society was actively gathering a library, and amassed a number of complete files. In addition to this, when the society was amalgamated with the Mechanics' Institute, there were thousands of incomplete or unbound numbers of periodicals, and it was expected that these would gradually be completed and bound up. It was expected that a portion of the dues paid by members into the institute would be used for this purpose, and for the purchase of such new and desirable handbooks and monographs as would make the philatelic section of the library a fairly complete one for the use of its members. In this the society has been disappointed, and the Board of Directors, backed by the society, will make an effort to bring about the desired purchases. They feel that a certain percentage of their dues should go for that purpose, and it is a matter of regret that the collection did not meet with a more hearty appreciation.

Another matter which has been discussed by San Francisco collectors is of general interest to the Association, and your Resident Vice-President urges the adoption of a rule that no writing shall appear on the spaces allotted to the stamps in the sales books circulated further than the price asked for the stamp. At most nothing further than the catalogue number should be tolerated. Many books have been circulated in the Pacific Society where nearly all the space beneath the stamp has been written upon. One offender wrote his name across the hinge in such manner that when a stamp was removed the space had the appearance of an initial or name written therein, and the society was compelled to make good sundry small sums. It is not possible to "hark back" on a circuit when the books are sent out in that con-

dition, because any person might easily be deceived by the writing, or might as easily pass it when checking his own purchases, thus defrauding the branch innocently. It has been suggested that the persons receiving these books know something about stamps and their relative value, and it is therefore not necessary to write "very rare," "less than half catalogue," or any other phrase calculated to catch the eye after the manner of advertisements. San Francisco Branch has notified the Superintendent of Sales that hereafter no books of that sort will be circulated, but will be returned.

The strongest inducement to membership is the Sales Department, and members in this vicinity who have availed themselves of its opportunities, either on branch or individual circuits, have been pleased with the selections sent out by your efficient Superintendent of Sales. Two circuits are sent to San Francisco, and the purchases are generally liberal. The California collectors have sustained their reputation as liberal buyers, and hope the American Philatelic Association may long continue the leading society of the country.

WILLIAM E. LOY,

Resident Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Wolsieffer, the report was referred to the Committees on Branch Societies, on By-Laws and on Sales and Purchasing Department.

Mr. W. F. Gregory, Resident Vice-President for New York, read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR NEW YORK.

Mr. President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Very few proposals have been submitted, which have been promptly vised. No meetings have been held during the year. A singular lethargy has come over all the societies in New York.

No doubt a revival of interest in good time will be experienced which will bring the New York Branch again into prominence.

Respectfully,

W. F. GREGORY,

Resident Vice-President for New York.

Aug. 11, 1903.

Referred to Committee on Branch Societies.

Mr. Doebelin, Resident Vice-President for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Associations

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to you my 13th annual report. There is not much news to be reported. The Pittsburg Branch No. 5, works on in the old track. The membership list had no increase, but as I secured recently five new members for the A. P. A., the Branch will get the benefit of this addition.

The local Twin City Philatelic Society has about 50 members in good standing and meets regularly every second Friday in the month. The attendance, however, leaves much to be desired, for of the total membership, on the average only about a dozen attend the meetings. The management make strenuous efforts to make the meetings attractive.

Beautiful medals were cast and stamp exhibitions held but the members showed little interest and sent only few exhibits. The exhibitions were made so easy that even the smallest collector could have contributed, but not more than one to three exhibitors at each of the three exhibitions took the trouble to respond.

The Pittsburg Philatelic Club is also on the decline. Only a few members attend the really interesting meetings. The members show a luke-warm interest in the society, which makes a very bad impression.

But all are unanimous in one thing and that is, that the A. P. A. Convention, 1904, should be held at Pittsburg. The members of the local societies have signed a considerable sum for the entertainment fund and our Mr. Geo. W. Rode, our delegate, will advise your further upon the subject.

Yours truly,

E. DOEBLIN.

The reading of the report was followed by hearty applause and cries of "Pittsburg!"

The President: If there are no objections this report will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Report of the Resident Vice-President for Chicago.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, the Resident Vice-President informed the delegate, Mr.

Oesch, that he would certainly mail it.

Mr. Oesch: What?

Mr. Wolsieffer: Isn't that what you stated?

Mr. Oesch: I never said anything to that effect.

Mr. Wolsieffer: All right, I will take that back. It is to be regretted, then, that the report is not here, and I would state for the benefit of the members of the Association that the Chicago Branch is alive, that it has held regular meetings, that it has had a small addition to its membership during the year and is doing as active work as a society can which has no funds. We, of course, are a branch of the main Association and what we do in a financial way for the betterment of our Branch and ourselves is largely done through contribution of the members. The coming year, I think, will show a decided change in the attendance at the meetings, as we intend to get out the membership. There is no reason why a Branch having as large a membership as our Branch has should not have better attended meetings. The reason is that we have not had anything attractive. The most attractive thing we have had is that the Exchange Superintendent has occasionally brought down a circuit for the members to look over. We hope that he will continue to do so next year and instead of bringing one circuit, that he will bring two or three. This, with one or two entertainments that we have in mind, will make the attendance much better. You all know that we brought out our ticket this year, and we intend to get out another. In fact, as you know, we are in the ticket business, and I think we will try and get out one next year, with the advice of other members.

The Resident Vice-President for Chicago subsequently filed with the Secretary the following report:

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CHICAGO.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that the Association has gained materially in this section during the past year, the local Branch having been enthusiastic and the admirable administration of the Exchange Superintendent being instrumental in securing the larger number of the new members.

The Branch (No. 1) have held regular meetings every month, and the average attendance has been large; several notable exhibitions have been held, although without any reward, but simply for the edification and enjoyment of the members.

Respectfully,

A. F. MERELL.

Mr. E. S. Martin, Resident Vice-President for Minneapolis, read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 8th, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GREETING:—Your Resident Vice-President for Minnesota begs to submit the following report:

The year in Minneapolis and vicinity has been an eventful one, philatelically speaking. During the year our membership in the city has increased nearly two hundred per cent and quite recently a Branch has been organized which has become a stockholder in the Association.

Eleven members have been added to the list from our locality. All of the names being secured through continued efforts on the part of the older members of the Association living in Minneapolis. Those who have united with the Association are all serious collectors and are in the main prominent business and professional men. Last March a banquet was tendered the stamp collectors of Minneapolis and St. Paul and fifteen local collectors were present. At that time steps were taken looking to the organization of the Branch mentioned above. An organization was effected the following month. We have nearly twenty members and several names on the waiting list.

The past year has also witnessed the birth of a weekly Philatelic Publication. Our city has now three local societies of which the new Branch is the largest and most active. We hope soon to consolidate the three. Realizing the benefit of membership in our Association your Vice-President has used every effort to interest our collectors in the society; and we hope to be able to add many worthy names to our membership roll from Minnesota during the year 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. MARTIN.

Referred to Committee on Branch Societies.

The report of the Resident Vice-President for Western Massachusetts was read by the Secretary, as follows:

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—It is with much regret that I am unable to give my report in person that I send the following.

There have been two new members added to the Association from Western Massachusetts this year and one has joined from Boston. To offset this gain we have lost two by removal. This leaves a total of sixteen members, twelve of whom are located in Springfield.

The Springfield Stamp Club has met regularly every two weeks with good attendance.

During the early spring the club held a public auction which called out a good attendance and brought fair prices. The younger element was very enthusiastic.

The club has completed a card index of over three hundred collectors in Springfield and vicinity, many of whom we hope in the future may be induced to join the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. MAYNARD,

Resident Vice-President for Western Massachusetts.

Referred to Committee on Branch Societies.

The report of the Librarian was read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Library.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I have to report that the total number of volumes in the library of the American Philatelic Association is now 258, six volumes and three unbound numbers of periodicals having been added since the date of the last report. The number of titles is 98, no new titles having been added during the year.

EDWIN H. ANDERSON,

Librarian.

Mr. H. E. Deats, Assistant Librarian, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Library, the same being as follows:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

I had fully intended to expend the balance on hand in binding, but owing to its being necessary for me to act as Secretary for the year, in addition to work already planned, I have done nothing beyond preparing about fifty volumes for the binder. I propose to solicit such material as will be of use in the library, from those who have it, and bind up what we have ready. This will require some additional funds, and I would suggest that authority be given for the expenditure of fifty dollars for binding, if needed. The donations during the year have been mentioned in my reports in the official journal.

Statement of expenditures, with vouchers, and bank draft for balance on hand, \$43.64, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,

Assistant Librarian.

August 11, 1903.

H. E. Deats, Assistant Librarian.

Dr.

Aug. 5, 1902, balance on hand.....\$45.32

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May 1, 1903, freight on papers from B. G. Butler.....\$.45

May 9, 1903 freight on papers from E. T. Pollock......59

Aug. 11, 1903, postage for year......64

Aug. 11, 1903, balance 43.64

—————\$45.32

The Secretary read the report of the Collecting Agent, as follows, and the same was accepted:

REPORT OF COLLECTING AGENT.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 23, 1903.

H. E. Deats, Esq., Secretary, Clayton, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:—As collecting agent of the American Philatelic Society I take pleasure in reporting as follows:

Six claims received aggregating.....\$400.00
 Three paid in cash.
 Two paid by return of stamps.
 One claim uncollectible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. WATSON.

Mr. John J. Oesch, Superintendent of the Purchasing and Sales Department, read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

CHICAGO, August 1, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of the Sales Department of the Association.

My predecessor having closed up and settled with owners, direct, for all books sent to him, there were no books on hand at the time of my appointment. I have received, however, 1,182 books, valued at.....\$34,465.59
 Retired, 309 books, valued at.....8,196.10

On hand, 873 books, valued at\$26,269.49

Sales from books retired amount to \$2,388.68, about 29 per cent.

Total sales for the season have been:

Sept. 20 to Dec. 31, 1902.....	\$1,266.92
January, 1903	612.63
February	559.82
March	604.79
April	828.70
May	614.23
June	549.35
July	401.15

\$5,437.59

Inasmuch as there were practically no books for me to start with and it took some time to procure the necessary books to conduct the business of the department, I feel that the sales of \$5,437.59 for about ten months should be entirely satisfactory, as they show a fair increase over the previous year.

I have remitted to the Treasurer \$153.52 to be credited to the Insurance Fund.

I have circulated the books to all members who asked to be placed on circuits and have kept them all well supplied with circuits. It is to be regretted that all participants are not prompt in forwarding the circuits, as numerous annoying delays have occurred during the year. I trust this unpleasant feature of the department will be remedied to a great extent if not entirely wiped out this coming year. A higher grade of stamps is steadily coming into my hands, and this class of goods can only be sent over such circuits where the members are prompt in forwarding and where the risk is accordingly decreased.

I should like to have it clearly defined how far the Superintendent's power extends as to accepting or refusing books for circulation. I have received numerous books this year that should never have been sent to this department and which I circulated with apologies, not wishing to overstep my office by refusing to accept same.

Another feature of the department that should be discouraged is the stamping or writing under the stamps before or after mounting. (This refers to those disposing of stamps through the department.) When a stamp is lost or removed from such a book, there is plenty of stamping or writing in the space to lead one to believe that a signature or private mark had been inserted *after* the stamp was removed. As this point will be brought up from another source, I will say nothing further except that this "feature" has caused me a lot of trouble and also a monetary loss.

The department is now in such good shape that I can safely predict the sales next year (for a full twelve months) will reach at least \$8,000.

I hope to be with you at the convention, and trust the meetings will be pleasant and instructive.

JOHN J. OESCH.

The reading of the report was received with applause, and on motion of Mr. Luff the report was accepted and referred to the proper committees.

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENTS.

Mr. Wolsieffer, Auction Purchasing Agent for Chicago, read his report, as follows, the same being ordered received, accepted and placed on file:

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT FOR CHICAGO.

August 8, 1903.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—In rendering this yearly report I am pleased to say that but little friction has occurred between this office and members.

Unreasonable demands in the way of returning lots have been less than usual and is a sure sign that members have carefully considered the "Terms of Sale" as well as descriptions in the various auction catalogues.

Collections also as a rule have been prompt, which is a further evidence of improvement. Trusting that this happy state of affairs may continue, I remain,

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Auction Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Batchelder, Auction Purchasing Agent for Boston, read his report, as follows, the same being ordered received, accepted and placed on file:

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT FOR BOSTON.

BOSTON, MASS., July 22, 1903.

The Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—As Auction Purchasing Agent for the American Philatelic Association, I can again report that quite a number of our members have availed themselves of the opportunity of sending through this branch their bids for stamps in the numerous Boston auctions, and apparently with complete satisfaction to the senders, my judgment in executing the bids (which I have frequently executed) never having been questioned, but frequently commended. I would recommend, however, that members send their bids to reach the purchasing agent two or three days before the sales in order to give him an opportunity to examine the lots before being required to execute the bids.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. BATCHELDER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The President: There being no further reports of officers, reports of committees are next in order.

Mr. Burt, chairman of the Obituary Committee, read the following report:

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

To the American Philatelic Association:

Only two deaths have been reported to your committee this year, that of J. F. Johnson, a member of the Board of Directors, and that of Horace G. O. Ramborger, which occurred February 23, 1902, but was not reported to the Secretary until after the convention of 1902.

HORACE G. O. RAMBORGER.

1828—1902.

Horace G. O. Ramborger died of pneumonia at his home in West Philadelphia, Feb. 23, 1902, after an illness of six days. He was born Jan. 7, 1828, at 813 Arch street, Philadelphia, of which city he was a lifelong resident. He was one of the early graduates of the Philadelphia high school, and studied law under Charles E. Ley, Esq., but afterwards took up conveyancing and real estate, in which he continued throughout his life. He leaves a widow and daughter.

"For many years," writes his daughter, Miss S. E. Ramborger, "his most absorbing pleasure was his connection with the Philatelic Association and his stamp collection. He was a consistent and earnest Mason and a past Master of his various lodges."

Mr. J. F. Johnson, No. 574, was born in Roxbury, Mass., Feb. 2, 1854, and was educated in the Boston public schools. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of L. Prang & Co., engravers and lithographers, and rose rapidly to the position of foreman. Tiring of this business, however, he started in the express business on his own account, but did not continue long, selling out in 1885 and entering the employ of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the actuaries' department, where he remained for seventeen years, or until his last sickness.

He married early in life and a widow and three children survive him. The oldest, a son, has been for some years in the employ of the New England Mutual. The second, a daughter, was formerly stenographer for the New England Stamp Co., but at present is living with her mother and younger brother, who is attending school in Medford, Mass.

Mr. Johnson was a very genial man, as all who met him at former conventions can testify, and his responsible position shows the opinion the directors had of his business qualifications. He never interested himself much in politics or society, preferring the quiet of his own family circle. The only regular evening engagements he had away from home were the meetings of the Boston Philatelic Society, which he rarely missed.

He had not been in the best of health for some time, but continued at his post until the commencement of the present year, although he was warned by doctors and friends that he must go west at once or suffer the consequences. After he gave up work he stayed around home settling up his affairs and fixing up his stamp collection to sell at auction for another month, and then started for Colorado on Feb. 3, Mrs. Johnson accompanying him. He was caught in a blizzard and obliged to stop over a few days in Chicago, finally reaching Denver Saturday night. The exertion of traveling, however, was too much for him and he died the next morning, Feb. 8, 1903. Mrs. Johnson brought the body back to Boston and funeral services were held in Roxbury, Feb. 13, being attended by a large delegation from the Boston Philatelic Society, who also sent a suitable floral tribute.

Mr. Johnson first became interested in stamps in 1892 by helping his son, but the latter soon getting tired of it, Mr. Johnson took it up in earnest, and had a very fine collection at the time of his death. He collected on general lines, but was particularly interested in U. S. revenues (in which he was nearly complete), reconstructed sheets of the early Great Britain and imperforate pairs of the early Europeans. His collection made a two-night auction sale, and by a strange irony of fate the last stamps were sold on the night of the 12th at just about the time the body arrived in Boston.

He joined the American Philatelic Association in February, 1894, and attended the conventions at Boston, 1897; New York, 1898; Detroit, 1899; Milwaukee, 1900; Buffalo, 1901, and Springfield, 1902, being elected Director and Vice-President at the latter convention, but resigning the office just before leaving for the west. He was also resident Vice-President for Boston from the time the Boston branch was formed until his death.

As referred to above, Mr. Johnson was very much interested in the local society and was Superintendent of the Exchange Department in 1898, 1899, 1901, and 1902, doing much to make this feature of the society the marked success that it has been. He also served for several years on the Library Committee, and on him and Mr. Corbett devolved the work of getting together and arranging the books and papers which the society presented to the Boston public library. His loss is deeply felt by all philatelists with whom he was brought in contact.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H BURT,

E. M. CARPENTER,

Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

(Filed after the Convention.)

ARTHUR DAVID—No. 1598.

Arthur David, of 205 West 118th street, New York, died May 5, 1903, in his thirty-third year. He was secretary of the Bookkeepers' Association of New York. At the time of his death he held an important position with the firm of Wolf Brothers, bankers and brokers. His loss is greatly felt by his family and business associates.

Mr. David's stamp collection numbered about two thousand specimens, including principally United States and rare foreign. The American Philatelic Association was the only stamp society to which he belonged. Besides his regular collection he had within the last five years indulged in the fancy of gathering common stamps in quantities and tying them up in packages of one hundred, having gotten together about thirty thousand in this way.

JOHN VICKERS PAINTER—No. 292.

John Vickers Painter, one of the best known business men and bankers of Cleveland, died Aug. 13, 1903, at his home, No. 704 Euclid avenue, after a brief illness, aged 68 years.

Mr. Painter was born in West Chester, Pa., July 20, 1835, and was a descendant of Quakers who came from England with William Penn. He was educated at Haverford College, and went to Cleveland a young man, engaging in the railroad business with the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, now part of the Lake Shore system. He subsequently engaged in banking and was interested in many conspicuous industrial and financial enterprises in Cleveland. He was also a trustee of the Cleveland Museum of Art, and treasurer and trustee of

the John Huntington Benevolent Trust. He leaves a widow and one son, Kenyon V. Painter.

As illustrative of the esteem in which Mr. Painter was held in his community, we quote the following editorial from the *Cleveland Leader*:

"In the loss of Dan. P. Eells and J. V. Painter, this city is reminded how much it owes to the men who established and long maintained Cleveland's almost priceless reputation for safe and sound banking. Such bankers as Mr. Eells and Mr. Painter were active in the business life of this city when it had far less prestige and strength than it boasts today. They and their associates were builders of financial institutions which are citadels of security now, for the commercial interests and general welfare of a rich and flourishing center of trade and industry.

"Both bankers were broad-minded and public-spirited citizens whose influence was felt in many ways on the side of orderly, safe, and well directed progress. They aided important philanthropic and charitable institutions, and they could be counted on at all times to promote the welfare of the city to which both men remained loyal to the end. However wide their interests extended, they never ceased to be true Clevelanders, in feeling and in deed."

Mr. Painter had been interested in philately since some time in the seventies, and was an active collector up to a few years ago, when he disposed of his general collection, which was very complete throughout. It was sold at auction, and the sale occupied six or seven evenings, being second in magnitude to perhaps only the De Coppet sale. He retained his collection of entire United States envelopes to the end, and it is generally supposed that this is the finest accumulation of envelopes extant.

Mr. Painter always showed an interest in the local stamp club, of which he was the first honorary member, and was a frequent guest at its annual banquets. He further showed his good will by arranging, some two years ago, for the club to hold its meetings in the rooms of the Cleveland Museum of Art, of which he was a trustee, and where its meetings have since been held. It was through his influence that his intimate friend, George H. Worthington, now one of the most active of advanced collectors, started collecting some eighteen years ago.

Mr. William C. Stone: Mr. President and gentlemen, I have quite a voluminous report here, but it is prepared more for printing than for reading, so I shall not inflict it all on you.

Mr. Stone read the report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug. 1, 1903.

Fellow Members of the American Philatelic Association:

In submitting this, the fifth annual report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature, the committee desire to express their thanks to those members who have kindly sent in notices of new publications for the information of the committee. This is a work in which all can help. Many publications are doubtless issued which never come under the notice of the committee who are dependent entirely upon advertisements and press reviews of newly issued works. Will not every member when he sees a new handbook, catalogue, directory, guide, album, monograph, etc., announced or reviewed in any of our journals, send word to the committee where such notice can be found. Also notices of the issue of new papers and of the suspension or consolidation of such. Then our report will be far more complete.

Perhaps the most important work that has seen the light during the past year is that admirable work, "Die Postwertzeichen Oesterr-Ungar. Monarchie," by Hans Kropf, which was issued by the Duetscher Verein fur Briefmarkenkunde of Prague. The work is, of course, in the German language, but is, like most philatelic works in foreign tongues, valuable none the less on account of the many statistics and illustrations which it contains. The work is a large quarto containing 456 pages with over 900 illustrations. Those of our members who were readers of the Vienna magazine *Austria Philatelist*, will recall the series of articles on the stamps of that country which were one of the chief attractions of that journal. That author was Herr Kropf, who has just brought out this work which covers the stamps of Austria, Hungary, Lombardy and Venetia, Austrian Levant and Bosnia and Herzegovinia. The cost of the book is about \$5.00. An extended review can be found in the *Adhesive* for May, 1903.

While it has not been our practice to make mention of new editions of albums, two changes in well known seem to call for some mention.

In September, 1902, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. announced that their well-known International album had reached such proportions that some change seemed necessary. As is probably well known to you all, the work is now issued in two editions, the first containing spaces for stamps issued down to the end of the year 1900. This will require but little change in the future and will be a permanent album for the issues of the first half century of postage stamps. The other edition will contain the issues of the twentieth century, and will receive constant revision with each succeeding year. It will undoubtedly result in induc-

ing many new collectors to commerce with that date and not to attempt the now almost impossible task of filling up a general collection from 1840 to date. I am informed that the issues of the past two years alone number over 1,200, so that the album bids fair to assume generous proportions within a very few years.

The well-known Imperial album of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, is now in its tenth edition, and an important change has taken place in its makeup. Originally issued in a single volume, it was some years ago divided into two, one of which was for the issues of the British empire and the other for those of foreign countries. Two extra volumes provided spaces for locals and cut envelopes which were dropped from the main albums. In the present edition it has been found necessary to divide the volume for the issues of foreign countries into two parts. One will provide for the stamps of Europe, and the colonies and possessions of European states, and the other for foreign countries outside of Europe and possessions. The volume for the issues of the British empire remains unchanged.

The coronation festivities held at Delhi in January last were the occasion of the issue of a souvenir edition of the Indian Postal Guide containing a set of the current Indian stamps bearing a special obliteration. Only five thousand sets were issued, and it is reported that they were rapidly absorbed.

A new series of Handbooks has been commenced by the publishers of the *Philatelic Record*. Number one is from the pen of Lieut. F. H. Napier, R. N., and is devoted to the stamps of Griqualand West. The articles have previously appeared in the magazine and are now brought out in this form with five autotype plates. The price of the work is one shilling and sixpence (36 cents).

Edward J. Nankivell is responsible for two works. One is devoted to the stamps of his pet country, the Transvaal, and as I have not seen the work I can give no particulars except to quote briefly from a review of the work by Chas. J. Phillips.

"Mr. Nankivell has gathered together in a convenient form the numbers of each stamp printed, chiefly compiled from tables furnished some years ago by Emil Tamsen, and in many cases these tables are of use in fixing the date of specific issues. * * * In a sub-title Mr. Nankivell calls his brochure "A reference list and guide to values. * * * The book is well printed and illustrated, but is not so complete or accurate as I should have expected from such an old student of Transvaal stamps."

I am not able to say by whom the work was published or what its cost is.

The other work by Mr. Nankivell is issued by Stanley Gibbons, Limited, at one shilling and sixpence (36 cents), and is entitled "Stamp Collecting as a Pastime." It is a 68-page book profusely illustrated and bound in art cloth. The following summary of its chapter headings will give an idea of the scope of the work. Stamp collecting as a pastime; charm of stamp collecting; its permanence; its internationality; its geographical interest; its historical finger posts; stamps with a history; great rarities; romance of stamp collecting; philatelic societies and their work; literature of stamps; stamps as works of art; stamp collecting as an investment; what to collect and how to collect; great collections.

The Boston philatelic society has issued a pamphlet of some 30 pages containing a list of the works on philately in the public library of that city. It enumerates over 200 titles, and is in itself a concise bibliography of the more important works on our hobby.

New editions of all the standard catalogues have been issued during the year and only a brief mention will be necessary as the prices, etc., remain as before in most cases. Paul Kohl's third edition was issued in two forms, one containing illustrations of United States stamps and one without. A special edition of the German edition was printed on thin paper and provided with an index similar to those on our dictionaries.

Belin's twelfth edition has recently been put on the market at 3 francs and 3.75 francs, according to binding.

The seventh edition of Yvert & Tellier's general catalogue is similar in get up to the previous editions. This catalogue also appears with the imprint of Theodore Champion of Paris.

A new venture by Yvert & Tellier is a specialist's catalogue of France and colonies, including postage, revenues, envelopes, cards and all that can by any means be included in the collection of a specialist. It forms a volume of 382 pages and sells for 3 francs (60 cents).

Arthur Maury continues to issue his catalogue, which has now reached its 43rd edition. It is a work of some 440 pages. The annual catalogue issued each December gave the issues of 1902 is a very handy shape for reference.

Senf's well-known catalogue appeared last fall as usual in about the same style as before. The entires are now issues in a separate volume.

Whitfield King & Co. have issued another edition (the fourth) and Bright & Sons the fifth of their well known catalogues.

The fifteenth edition of the English standard, Stanley Gibbons, was issued as before in two parts. A special edition in one volume was issued for the American trade with the prices in United States money. Two supplements were issued in February and May of this year, bringing the catalogues up to date.

Th. Lemaire now issues his catalogue in parts, every ten days, commencing a new edition whenever one is completed.

Scott's catalogue, the well known American standard, was late in making its appearance last year, the 62d edition, making its appearance shortly after Christmas. The next edition is promised for Nov. 15.

Ad. D. Hissard of Constantinople advertises another edition of his catalogue of oriental stamps for 1902-3 at the modest price of one franc.

A. LaFare of Paris offers for four francs a catalogue of rarities, but not having seen the book or a review we can give no particulars.

Senf Bros. have been giving as a supplement with their well known journal what is called the *Lehrbuch der Briefmarkenkunde* by Th. Haas the well known philatelist. From a review of the first part it would seem to be a manual for the collector on similar lines to that of Dr. Legrand.

C. J. Endle & Co. have brought out a 1903 edition of their well known Philatelic Almanac. A catalogue of twentieth century issues is also reported from this house.

Frederick Willis Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., has privately printed a monograph entitled "How I made a fortune on the Pan-American stamps." It is a 16-page pamphlet which sells for \$1.00 and gives the story of the finding and marketing of the famous "inverts."

An advertisement in one of the English papers announced the appearance in May of a handbook entitled "All about post cards," which from the table of contents covered both the government issues and the picture cards. Scott & Wilson of Leeds, England, were the publishers, but the book has not yet been issued. It is to sell for one shilling.

A Spanish-Portuguese directory was issued during the year by the publishers of *El Filatelice Espanol* at 1.25 pesetas (25 cents). It contained about 1,000 names.

B. H. Murray, Timperly, Cheshire, England, published a list of several hundred addresses of collectors in Great Britain and the colonies who desire to enter into exchange relations. It is called the "British Empire Stamp Exchange Medium," and sells for 1s. 6d. (36 cents).

A Spanish American Commemorative Booklet and Philatelic Directory has been issued by Chas. Myers of Wichita, Kan., for the members of the Spanish-American Philatelic society. We have not seen the book.

L'Annuaire Philatelique Franco-Belge, published by M. F. Leschevin, Tourinnes St. Lambert par Grand-Leez, Belgium, contains 5,000 addresses of French collectors and 2,600 Belgian. Its price is three francs (60 cents).

The Canadian Philatelic Manual, published by Godard & Hannington, Ottawa, contains lists of collectors in the Dominion with particulars concerning the different Canadian societies, etc.

Numerous "annuals" have been issued by the various foreign societies, but we have not been able to secure a good list of them. Possibly some of our foreign members who are interested in literature will be able to give us some help in the matter for future reports.

An important publication of much interest to the stamp collector is the annual report of our postoffice department. Much information concerning stamps can be culled from its pages, especially from the statistical portions. The same can also be said of the reports of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Among the periodicals there has not been much to note. Few new journals of any account have been issued. Perhaps the most notable of the new papers in our own country is the *Philatelic World*, a weekly journal published in Minneapolis by Eben S. Martin and edited by Ernest R. Aldrich. It commenced publication Nov. 5, 1902, and still survives, looking remarkably healthy. A special number, issued April 15, was devoted almost entirely to the interests of our association, containing a very concise history of the organization, written by Gordon Ireland of the Board of Vice-Presidents. It can not fail to be of service to us in many ways. The *Revista Filatelica Cubana*, the journal of the national society of Cuba, is doing a good work and has published some valuable articles. The *Philatelic Monthly Referee* is the most noticeable paper in England to give up the ghost, having been absorbed by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. *Madrid Filatelico*, the leading Spanish magazine, ceased publication last February, and several other papers in that country have also gone under. In our own country, *Robinson's Review*, and the *New York Philatelist* are among the more important suspensions.

Jose G. Ceballos of Madrid has published, or commenced to publish a catalogue of the stamps of Spain and her colonies. While we have not seen the work we understand it to be a very full handbook of great value to collectors.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have issued a supplement to the fourth edition of their plate number catalogue.

The catalogue of foreign revenues published by Walter Morley in connection with his journal has completed the issues of the Argentine and is now taking up the other South American countries.

Several foreign dealers have issued voluminous price lists almost worthy to be called catalogues. Most of them are sold for a nominal price to cover postage.

For the future we are promised by the Philatelic Society of India a new handbook to the stamps of that country, and one on Afghanistan is also in preparation. A new edition of Oceania is being prepared under the able editorship of A. F. Basset Hull.

In our own country we are promised a new catalogue of United States envelopes by the J. M. Bartels Co.

Several directories and annuals are also announced which will all be duly chronicled in our next report.

And now in closing let us appeal once more to the members to send us word of all new publications. We can not buy them all. Few are given to us. Consequently we have to depend on our friends and the papers for aid in compiling this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. STONE, *Chairman.*

E. R. ALDRICH.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SCANDINAVIAN PAPERS.

The committee submits as an appendix to its regular report a valuable bibliography of the philatelic periodicals which have appeared in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. The valuable work was compiled by Otto Rommel of Leipsic and appeared in *Nordisk Filatistisk Tidskrift*, from which it was translated for the *Philatelic World* by Mr. Aldrich. In its present form it has been quite fully revised and corrected.

DENMARK.

1. *Nordisk Frimaerke Tidende*; K. Lund, Copenhagen. Vol. I., 10 numbers, August, 1867, to June, 1868. Nos. 8-9 combined, also 11-12.
2. *Skandinavisk Frimaerke Tidende*; Arthur Phillipsen, Copenhagen. Vol. I., 3 nos.; Vol. II., 12 nos. October, 1876, to December, 1877.
3. *Skandinavisk Frimaerke Journal*; Fr. Bertini, Copenhagen. Vol. I., 3 nos.; Vol. II., 5 nos. October, 1876, to May, 1877.
4. *Nordisk Frimaerkeverden*; Emil Jensen, M. D., Copenhagen. Vol. I., 4 nos. January to April, 1878.
5. *Skandinavisk Frimaerke Tidende*; N. Møller Kromann, Sønderho. Vol. I., 6 nos. April to September, 1890.
6. *Skandinavisk Frimaerke Tidende*. Vol. I., 12 nos.; Vol. II., 12 nos.; Vol. III., 9 nos. (4-5 combined, also 7-8 and 10-11), October, 1890, to September, 1893. Vol. I. published by U. Knudsen and N. Møller Kroman, at Sønderho; Vol. II., Heinrich Rhode, Copenhagen.
7. *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*, see Norway No. 4.
8. *Philatelist Journal*; A. Peterson, Nibe. Vol. I., 2 nos., April and May, 1894.
9. *Frimærke-Handieres og Samleres Advertissements Hæften*, Aarhus. Vol. I., 1 no. May (?), 1894.
10. *Meddelelser* resp. *Meddelelser*, published Copenhagen Klub and Lund Society. One number, August, 1899.
December, 1887. Gratis number December, 1888. Vol. III., 3 nos., January to May, 1889.

NORWAY.

1. *Nordisk Frimaerkeblad*; G. O. Ullebergen, Arendal (last five numbers, Skien). Vol. I., 12 nos., July, 1886, to July, 1887; Vol. II., 3 nos. (13, 14-15, 16-17-18), August to December, 1887. Gratis number December, 1888, 1888. Vol. III., 4 nos., January to May, 1889.
2. *Nordisk Frimaerkeblad*; G. O. Ulleberg, Christiania. Vol. I., 12 nos.; Vol. II., 13 nos. (there being 6a and 6b), January, 1892, to December, 1893.
3. *Aalesunds Frimaerkeblad*; No. 1 published by Knud Chr. Bolstad; No. 3, M. Ludvig Holm, Aalesunds. Vol. I., 3 nos., October, 1893-January, 1894.
4. *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. This paper was formed by the union of the *Nordisk Frimaerkeblad* (see *supra* No. 2) and *Tidning for Frimærkesamlere* (see Sweden No. 1), and is published under direction of the Nordiska Filatelist-Forbundet and the va-

rious volumes issued as below from the different places as decided by the association; accordingly it is listed by number under each country, but data given here.

- Vol. I. and II., each 24 nos., appeared alternately from Christiana and Stockholm.
- Vol. III., 20 nos., Stockholm, Sweden.
- Vol. IV., 20 nos., Christiana, Norway.
- Vol. V., 20 nos., Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Vol. VI., 20 nos., Stockholm, Sweden.
- Vol. VII., 12 nos., Christiana, Norway.
- Vol. VIII., 12 nos., Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Vol. IX., 12 nos., Lund, Sweden.

The first number appeared January, 1894, and the current Vol. X is appearing from Lund.

5. Filatelisten; Martin Ludvig Holm, Aalesund. Vol. I., 2 nos., May to June, 1894.
6. Internationalt Frimaerkeblad; A. Krantz & Co., Mosjoen. One number, September, 1894.
7. Nordisk Frimaerke Tidende; M. Ludvig Holm, Aalesund. One number, January, 1895.
8. Filatelistisk Offerteblad, Christiana. Announced for February, 1898, but doubtful if it appeared.

SWEDEN.

1. Tidning for Frimarksamlare; F. W. Andreen, Stockholm. Announcement December, 1886. Vol. I., 12 nos.; Vol. II., 12 nos.; Vol. III., 11 nos. (6-7 combined); Vol. IV., 12 nos.; Vol. V., 11 nos.; Vol. VI., 10 nos.; Vol. VII., 10 nos., January, 1887, to December, 1893.
2. Frimarks-Samlaren; Emil Braese, Stockholm. Announcement December, 1892, Vol. I., 10 nos. (7-8 combined, also 10-11).
3. Skandinavisk Frimarkstidning; Lou's Siderberg, Malmo. Announcement February, 1893.
4. International Briefmarken Anzeiger; Herman Lundberg, Norrkoping. Vol. I., 2 nos., October-November, 1893.
5. Nordisk Filatelistisk Tideskrift. See Norway No. 4.
6. Frimarksamlaren; C. J. Bjelke, Halmstad. Vol. I., 4 nos.; Vol. II., 9 nos. (4-5 combined, also 6-7 and 11-12), August, 1897, to November, 1898.
7. Meddelelser. See Norway, No. 10.
8. Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, Stockholm. Vol. I., 12 nos.; Vol. II., 10 nos.; Vol. III., 10 nos.; Vol. IV., current. First number, January, 1900. Published by Sseriges Filatellist, Forening. Vol. II. edited by Axel Wahlstedt, the others by F. W. Imdreen.

FINLAND.

1. Finska Filatelisten; Helsingfors Frimarkanare Forening, edited by C. Wasenius, Helsingfors. No. 6, February, 1894.
2. Offertenblatt fur Frimarken-Sammler und Handler; Paul Lehmstedt, Jyraskyla. Vol. I., 3 nos., January to March, 1896.

CURRENT PHILATELIC PAPERS.

Only such papers are listed of which the committee has seen July, 1903 issue of, or of which notices have been published in one of the current papers. All are issued monthly unless otherwise stated.

UNITED STATES.

Adhesive, Rocky Hill, Conn.....	\$.30
American Journal of Philately, New York, N. Y.....	.50
Journal of Buffalo Phil. Society, Buffalo, N. Y.....	.20
Mekeel's Stamp Collector (W.) St. Louis, Mo.....	1.00
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News (W.) New York, N. Y.....	1.00
Metropolitan Philatelist (W.), New York, N. Y.....	.50
Perforator, New York, N. Y.....	.30
Philatelic Inter-Ocean, Waterloo, Iowa.....	.15
Philatelic Star, Madison, N. Y.....	.15
Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Neb.....	.50

Philatelic World, (W.) Minneapolis, Minn.....	.50
The Stampman, Dahlonega, Ga.....	.25
Weekly Philatelic Era, (W.), Boston, Mass.....	.50
Virginia Philatelist, Richmond, Va.....	.30

ENGLAND.

Alfred Smith & Co., Circular, London.....	.25
Bric-a-Brac, West Hoatley, London.....	.32
Brown's Advertiser, Salesbury.....	.12
City Philatelist, Cork, Ireland.....	.25
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, London.....	1.08
London Philatelist, London,	1.44
Morley's Philatelic Journal, London .....	.60
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser .....	.36
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain; Birmingham .....	.60
Philatelic Record, Manchester	1.70
Philatelic Trader Egremont .....	.25
Poole's Monthly Philatelist, Stamford.....	
Poole's Weekly Philatelist, Stamford .....	.62
Smyth's Philatelic Circular, Bournemouth .....	.25
Stamp Collector, Birmingham .....	.36
Stamp Collectors Budget, Hastings .....	.12
Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, London .....	.78
Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal, London.....	.50
Universal Advertiser, York	
Universal Stamp Advertiser, Birmingham .....	.24

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Journal of Philately, Sydney, N. S. W.....	1.00
Australian Philatelist, Sydney, N. S. W.....	.75

INDIA.

Philatelic Journal of India, Calcutta.....	1.50
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Mr. Stone: I will say that we did add as an appendix the valuable list of Scandinavian papers which was taken from a Norwegian journal some time ago, translated and published in the "Philatelic World."

And we shall also prepare a list of current American papers and possibly some foreign papers.

Mr. Willard O. Wylie: Mr. President, this is surely a remarkable report. I think I am situated where during the year I am able to come in contact with a great deal of what has been given us in the way of information; but to have it collated in this manner is certainly an excellent piece of work. I move that the report be accepted; there does not seem to be anything in it that calls for reference.

Mr. Doblin: I second the motion.

Mr. Luff: I should like to amend by adding "with thanks."

The amendment being accepted, the motion as amended was adopted.

Mr. Toppan: I move we adjourn—

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, in order to have Mr. Stone—

The President: Is there any second to that motion?

The Secretary: There are two more reports to come before the convention.

Mr. Batchelder: What time does that camera go out?

Mr. Luff: 1:30.

Mr. Doeblin: We have got to get our lunch.

Mr. Wolsieffer: The motion to adjourn was not seconded, and I wish to say for Mr. Stone's information, I should suggest he drop out the statement that "Robinson's Review" is the official organ of the Chicago society.

Mr. Stone: I thought it was.

Mr. Wolsieffer: It never was. "Mekeel's Weekly" is the only official organ that the society has.

Mr. Luff read the report of the Expert Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE.

CLAYTON, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1903.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—The Expert Committee regrets to report that only four stamps have been submitted for examination, of which three were genuine and one a counterfeit. That so small a number of stamps should be offered for our opinion is surprising and not at all encouraging.

There was a long delay in appointing this committee, and it did not effect its organization until December last, but it would seem that there must be some further cause for its want of success. It may be that collectors lack confidence in your committee. If this seems to you to be the case, we would recommend a prompt and thorough change in its personnel. Possibly collectors are deterred by the comparatively high fee charged for examinations. We shall refer to this point later. But the explanation which appears most probable to us is that the existence of an Expert Committee is not known to the majority of collectors either in or out of the Association. So far as we are aware, nothing has ever been done to advertise such a committee as a feature of the American Philatelic Association, nor has even a notice of its existence appeared in the official journal. Six weeks ago the committee was added, quietly and without comment, to the list of officers of the Association, at the head of its column in the official journal. This is the one solitary thing which has been done to bring this committee before philatelists. Greater publicity would, in all probability, help to increase its usefulness.

For the work which has been done we have received in fees \$4.00, which amount has been expended for blank forms for reports, photographs, postage, etc. The expense of photographing stamps, one at a time, is about \$1.25 each, including the two prints needed for the certificate and the record book. Could several stamps be combined in one photograph, the expense would be proportionately decreased, and until arrangements to this end can be made it will not be possible to reduce the fee for examination. As it is, we have only been able to keep our expenditures within the limit of our receipts by the kindness of a friend, who gave us other stamps to be photographed and bore his share of the expense.

Should the members at this convention decide to continue the Expert Committee, we would suggest that the committee shall select a certain day in each month for its meeting, as this will not only effect a saving of time but will increase the chances of having several stamps to be photographed at once.

JOHN N. LUFF, *Chairman*;
J. M. ANDREINI,
J. C. MORGENTHAU.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, have all the reports been read?

The Secretary: The report of the Committee on Index to Philatelic Literature is the only one we know of; is that ready?

The President: It is half past twelve and we have to take the boat at two o'clock. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Oesch: I move we adjourn until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded and carried and the convention thereupon adjourned to the time stated.



SECOND SESSION: Wednesday Morning, August 12

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President Holland in the Chair and a quorum present.

Mr. George W. Rode, for the Committee on Credentials, read the following supplementary report.

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

MR. PRESIDENT—Since our report of yesterday, we have received 108 additional proxies, of which number, 9 were re-elected for the following reasons, viz:—

Signed by applicant, who has not yet been admitted to membership.....	1
Signed by foreign members and not vided by U. S. Consul.....	7
Defective transfer	1

In addition to this 6 were superseded by proxies bearing a later date.

The revised list of proxy holders is

P. M. Wolsieffer.....	75
John J. Oesch.....	65
Wm. C. Stone	45
W. O. Wylie	39
John N. Luff	37
Geo. W. Rode	24

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Geo. L. Toppan	20
Eben S. Martin	17
E. M. Carpenter	10
D. T. Eaton	2
J. M. Bartels	1
J. D. Bartlett	1

Total valid proxies	336
Invalid proxies	31

Total proxies received	367
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Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
GEO. L. TOPPAN,
GEO. W. RODE,
W. F. GREGORY.

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, will the Committee kindly give the number of the section of the statutes under which they have rejected foreign proxies.

Mr. Toppan: I don't think there is any particular section but it is a matter of international law.

Mr. Stone: I think that the laws provide that any legal documents executed abroad must be sworn to before a United States Consul, and a proxy is nothing more or less than a power of attorney.

Mr. Doebelin: I am sure you will never get a proxy from a foreigner any more. If he must pay two marks or two shillings to have his proxy sworn to, he would not send you a proxy unless you paid the fee.

Mr. Burt: I think before the proxies are thrown out we should have the section of the statutes or reference to some decision governing the matter.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, it seems to me that this is a matter important enough for us to look into and ascertain what is the correct position. There have been no less than eighteen or twenty proxies thrown out for this very reason. As Mr. Doebelin points out, it is hard enough to get an interest upon the part of our foreign members, even though you enclose them a stamp for a reply postage; and I am sure to require of them that they go before a consul when it may compel them to travel forty or fifty miles to do so would make it exceedingly difficult to obtain proxies from them at all. If there is anyway in which we can strain

the law in order to give our foreign members the benefit of their proxies, I should be in favor of doing it.

The President: I don't know anything personally on that subject, except that I know all legal papers executed in a foreign country must be viséd.

Mr. Oesch: Isn't it true that at former conventions the proxies have been allowed?

Mr. Doebelin: That is so.

The President: That I do not know.

The Secretary: Yes, they have been allowed.

Mr. Doebelin: When I came to the Convention I had about twenty proxies. None were executed before a United States Consul or any other official.

Mr. Oesch: I object to my proxies being thrown out.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter: The question has never been raised before; they always have been allowed.

Mr. Doebelin: Should not that have been announced when the proxy blanks were sent out?

Mr. Stone: I move that those foreign proxies be allowed.

Mr. Doebelin and others: I second the motion.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion; any discussion?

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, I make the point that any such motion is entirely out of order. We cannot go against international law. The law plainly says that all legal documents executed in one country to be used in another must be viséd. I cannot refer to the section, I am no international lawyer, but I have run up against it in personal experience, both in executing papers abroad which had been sent to me and having them turned down and returned to me to be viséd, and in going abroad with papers I have had to send them home and to be reissued and sworn to before a foreign consul here. It is a simple question of law.

Mr. Stone: I do not doubt Mr. Toppan's statement, but we have nothing official to go by. We have not the law; it is simply hearsay on his part; we have to take his word. I think that it will be well to investigate that—

Mr. Toppan: That is not to the point, Mr. Stone. It is a run-up-against-it in actual experience. There is no hearsay about it; I have been through it.

The President: I have been through that part of it myself.

Mr. Luff: Gentlemen, you cannot controvert the laws of your country, and however anxious you may be to do so, you would not gain anything for the convention or the officers.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, perhaps if we raised this point it might solve the question: Those legal documents which require the visé of a foreign consul are those documents which pertain to property or property interests, or where such interests are at stake. We are practically a social organization, and proxies in an organization of this kind do not partake of the character of those representing or protecting property. I think that properly they may be exempted, and possibly are specifically exempted from the statutes to which reference has been made.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I think that these proxies that we sign are practically powers of attorney. That is the same thing as the thing that Mr. Gregory refers to. Our proxies are each one of them a power of attorney.

Mr. Gregory: Yes, but not affecting property.

Mr. Luff: They convey considerable power, if you read them, Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Oesch: The proxy does not convey so much power.

Mr. Toppan: This question first came up at the Boston Convention, when we had some fifty or sixty proxies made out in the name of C. H. Mekeel. Those were somewhat different from the present form of proxies, inasmuch as they were powers of attorney to represent the signers without limit as to date. They were not confined to the convention for the year in which they were originally dated, but until recalled. Those proxies, as I stated before, were somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty. The whole thing was thoroughly canvassed and discussed and it was gone over with Mr. Vanderlip and other Boston lawyers at the time, because the proxies came in some days before the convention, and the whole thing was decided illegal and thrown out. There is your precedent. It has been adhered to ever since.

Mr. Stone: Weren't they thrown out because a lot of proxies of later date had been received?

Mr. Toppa: That was not the ground, Mr. Stone, on which they were thrown out.

Mr. Stone: A number of later proxies were received which cancelled those.

Mr. Toppa: There were some, but that did not cover the whole number and they were only a small proportion of the total number.

Mr. Oesch: Mr. President, were they thrown out at the last convention?

Mr. Stone: No, sir. I had eight or nine foreign proxies, and they were all allowed me.

Mr. Toppa: Well, they should not have been, decidedly. It was an error of the Committee on Credentials. They should have been rejected.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I have no doubt whatever that the position taken by the Committee on Credentials is correct, but has not this body a power to waive any informality of that kind and accept the proxies? The Committee on Credentials, of course, could not do so, but it must be within the power of the convention itself.

The President: I do not think we have the power to go back of the United States laws on anything.

Mr. Luff: I don't think, Mr. Batchelder, we can set aside international law.

Mr. Batchelder: I do not see where international law affects the matter.

The President: This is a question which can only be settled properly by an international lawyer. I should think it might be well to leave the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents and let the report go as it is. It won't make much difference.

Mr. Luff: Pardon me, as a member of the Committee on Credentials. The admitting or rejection of these proxies will make absolutely no difference in what we are to do here. They will make no difference in the election, they will make no difference in any voting, because there is a preponderance of proxies in the hands of two or three people that can overwhelm those half dozen or dozen proxies. Whether you throw them out or let them in is the only question for us to settle; and it makes no difference whatever.

• *Mr. Wylie:* That is the very reason why this is a good time to settle this question. It would have been very difficult to settle it had there been a close decision. I think, however, what the president has just said in regard to the proper settlement of this matter is a very good suggestion. Incorporated as we are, we cannot afford to make the mistake of conducting our business in defiance of United States laws. It might invalidate our business. It seems to me, as this is no killing matter, it would be well to refer this to the Board of Vice-Presidents, one of whom is a lawyer, and I think between now and the next convention we can find out what the duties of foreign stockholders are in the matter of having their proxies attested. I think that will be a very wise decision of the matter. If this motion which Mr. Stone has made is either voted down or withdrawn, we will take care of this matter, I think, in proper form.

The President: Any further discussion?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion, now that we have had an expression of opinion upon it, and to leave the matter in proper form I will move that the Board of Vice-Presidents be requested to investigate this point and report to the Board of Directors in time for notice to be given before the proxy blanks are sent out for the next convention.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Wylie: There is a motion before the convention that we accept the report of the Committee on Credentials. Would it not be wiser to clear the deck of that motion before taking up Mr. Stone's motion?

The President: There is no such motion, Mr. Wylie.

Mr. Wylie: Why not?

The President: Because we never do anything with the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Wylie: We might do something with it.

The President: If you do not like it you can make a motion to that effect; otherwise you let it go. It is only a report of progress.

Mr. Martin: Mr. President, without any desire to create any discussion or unfavorable comment, I am instructed by a gentleman whose proxy I hold to file before the convention in open session a protest against counting any votes for C. L. Annan.

The President: That is out of order here, Mr. Martin; there is a motion before the house.

The motion to refer the matter of foreign proxies to the Board of Vice-Presidents was put to vote and carried.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

The President: The next thing in order is Mr. Stone's report of the Committee on Index of Philatelic Literature.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, may I announce before Mr. Stone takes the floor that the Committee on Official Journal have received three propositions, one from the "Philatelic World," one from "The Perferator" and one from the "Mekeels Weekly Stamp News," the one from the latter embodying a suggestion in regard to an amendment of the by-laws. I presume this body will not care to have us read them all; they will come up later on. I thought I would give the announcement now, and later we would be prepared to report.

Mr. Stone read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDEX TO PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

To the American Philatelic Association:

In submitting this first report the committee can do but little more than report progress and ask leave to sit again, as the parliamentary expression runs.

The only limitations placed upon this committee by the last convention was in the size of the appropriation made for expenses, twenty-five dollars. The only expense incurred by the committee, however, during the year has been for slips for indexing which have cost the enormous sum of thirty cents, for which, however, no claim for reimbursement will be made. During the coming year, however, the expenses will probably be larger and the appropriation will be needed for postage, etc.

Soon after our appointment your committee met and considered what papers should be included in the index. We took considerable time to decide this, and first of all decided that for the preliminary work at least we would only index American magazines. Later on as the work grows we propose to include the leading English. Our first list upon which we have been working during the past winter consisted of the following magazines:

American Journal of Philately. Second Series.

Philatelic Journal of America.

American Philatelist.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Weekly Philatelic Era.

Boston Stamp Book.

Post Office.

As it seemed advisable to the committee to have the work where it could be done under their personal supervision at first we did not call upon outsiders for help, but divided the work for the first year among volunteers from the Springfield Stamp Club, who offered their services. Opportunity was thus given for frequent consultations with the committee concerning doubtful points and for comparisons to secure uniformity.

We think now that we may safely say that we are ready for outside assistance and appeal to those members who are interested in our literature to give us their aid. The fact that one has no library need not stand in the way. If you will agree to index a magazine the committee will see that you are supplied with it. Several of our members have very kindly offered the loan of such volumes as we may need.

The following broad instructions have been formulated to act as a guide and to insure uniformity:

Index by subjects and not by titles. Each article must be examined closely enough to determine what is really its subject. Thus, the valuable series of articles being published under the title "Stray notes on sheets of stamps" should be indexed somewhat as follows:

British Guiana.

Notes on sheets of stamps, together with the proper references to the volume and page of the magazine in which the article is found.

Articles referring to more than one country should be indexed under the name of each country included therein.

Items in the chronicle of new issues should not be indexed unless they contain some matter of real value such as size of sheets, official degrees, etc., or quantities issued. Translations of Oriental inscriptions and the like are well worth noting.

As the index is intended to cover articles about stamps, etc., miscellaneous articles should not be indexed unless in the judgment of the indexer it contains some matter of real value.

Make the abbreviations of titles of magazines clear enough to be understood without referring to list. Met. Phil. is better than M. P. for Metropolitan Philatelist. Volume and page should be written with a colon between, thus, 15:236, meaning volume 15, page 236. When the article is copied from some other paper or is translated, write the name of the original source in the lower left corner of the slip in brackets.

Slips of a uniform size and quality will be supplied by the committee. Sample slips will be supplied each worker who join us. Make your entries brief but clear. Authors very often pad the titles of their articles until the real subject is almost lost to view.

Slips concerning which you have any doubts should be sent to the committee for their opinion and advice.

And now, in closing, we desire to say that the index can be completed only by the united efforts of a large number of workers. Send us in your names and we will set you at work. Should the number of workers warrant it, we shall add to the above list of paper accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman.

JOHN W. PREVOST,

J. DELANO BARTLETT.

During the reading of the report Mr. Stone said:

A great many articles are published with titles which have no reference whatever to the subject. I remember very well looking through nine volumes of one magazine to find an article which had a heading, "A Curious Stamp." It referred to some special United States revenue stamp. There was nothing whatever, even in the index, to indicate what it was, when they might just as well have given it the name of the subject.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, Mr. Stone said:

In addition I will say that one volume of the "American Journal of Philately" is partly indexed; the member was unable to finish it.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Batchelder: I move that it be accepted.

The President: If there is no objection the report will be accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I have something to say about that report.

Mr. Luff: Last year this thing was brought up with considerable enthusiasm at the convention at Springfield, and we had a great hope of what might be done. As far as I can see, with all due respect to the committee, they have done very little. There is a whole lot of this work that has already been done, in the hands of individuals, and it might be taken advantage of.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, the committee was appointed; announcement was duly made in the official journal of the appointment of the Index Committee. We indirectly have received one or two offers of assistance. Another thing I wish to speak about is that, aside from the original announcement of the appointment of the Index Committee, it never appeared in the list of standing committees. Possibly that was because I did not make the request to have it included in the list of standing committees. But I will say that we never had any volunteers. As I said in my report, we did not call on them outside because we were not ready. We are all of us busy men. One of the members of the committee has been out of town most of the winter, and we have had very little chance. I have done all I could myself, personally. I know the other men that we have set to work have spent all the time they can. We do not devote all of our time to stamps. It is purely voluntary work. We are willing and anxious to have all the help we can this year. It was a new work to a great many of the men who took hold of it.

Mr. Ireland: I made that motion for the appointment of the Index Committee last year, and I would like to ask a little information about the work that they have done. As I understand it, the members have chosen certain articles and indexed those. This is a matter of detail, but it seems to me that if the index is going to be of any value at all, it ought to include all the articles.

The President: It does, Mr. Ireland; you are mistaken.

Mr. Ireland: I understood the report to state that they selected certain sorts of articles from the magazines they have indexed. I would like that read.

Mr. Stone: "Articles about stamps."

Mr. Ireland: Yes, Mr. President, so that not all the articles have been taken. I suppose there is a good deal in the magazines now that we do not want, which does not seem valuable to us; but if the index is going to be of any value at all hereafter it has got to include everything in that volume, so that at last we will be able to be up to date and have everything. I do not think you will find any professional indexer, any library indexer, who takes out things. That is more in the nature of a newspaper clipping bureau. It was not my intention to have anything of that sort done. I meant to take one magazine, if you did not have workers enough to get everything done—take one magazine and go through everything in it, and if the centuries last we may be able to get through the rest. But I do not believe in selecting articles according as the present committee sees fit to make their report.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would like to ask Mr. Ireland, through you, how he would treat the "Philatelic West." (Laughter.)

Mr. Ireland: I have seen the last number of the magazine to which Mr. Deats refers, but I have not read it. There are articles there on various subjects. I take it all those articles should be put in. I don't want the advertisements and I don't want the curios, and the photography, but I do want the articles about stamps.

Mr. Deats: That is the point I am making.

Mr. Wylie: This is a very ambitious system which Mr. Ireland is suggesting. It would be the ideal. But we cannot get our ideals in this world; we have got to put up with the best we can get. Mr. Stone is the best man we have got for this work, and we had better give him our assistance in prosecuting the work. We had better make the best of what materials we have got and we had better allow the committee to use its judgment in the ensuing year in employing its time to the best advantage. If we cannot take magazines and entirely index their contents, it would be exceedingly useful to our writers to have the important articles in the different magazines indexed. It seems to me it is the wisest thing for us to let this committee work along another year, with the expectation and the hope that with better co-operation there will be better results during this coming year. I am well pleased with the way in which Mr. Stone has co-operated with me in the past months in getting matter in relation to certain countries that I had under consideration. There was no man in the whole association to whom I could go and get the assistance that he could render me, and I hope that he will feel that what has been said here is more in the matter of assistance rather than harsh criticism, and we wish him God speed in his work during this coming year. I have had to get out certain issues in connection with certain countries, and I have found that he could help me. He could give me matter which was useful to me, and I say, let us pat him on the back and send him off on the next year.

Mr. Stone: My skin is pretty thick.

Mr. Toppans: I rise to a point of order. May I ask what the motion before the house is that all this talk is about?

The President: There is no motion before the house; it is simply a general discussion of the report of the committee.

Mr. Wylie: Isn't it on the acceptance of the report of the committee?

The Secretary: The motion, as I got it, was that the report be accepted.

The President: It was accepted.

The Secretary: It was not voted on.

The President: Then the motion before the house is that the report be accepted.

Mr. Ireland: I am not at all in favor of the proposition that because we have wasted one year with little work we should waste another with a little work of the same sort. I am glad this library index is useful, as Mr. Wylie has said, but the point is, it would be wasted if a man wants the whole index of any one magazine. If I understand it, the chief thing that has been left out is the biography of the men that are interested in stamps. Now if it should happen—

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, excuse me just a moment. That thing was not left out. I gave special instructions to all our indexers to include every sketch of a philatelist, especially if it had a portrait.

Mr. Ireland: Then, Mr. President, I have failed to understand the misleading paragraph, or I have been misled by the paragraph which said that they chose certain articles about stamps.

Mr. Stone: What we have omitted are the miscellaneous articles in the chronicle, such as the announcement that a new set of stamps has been issued for Antigua and giving a list of the stamps—just a bare announcement, unless there was some historical matter—and miscellaneous editorials and articles which, while they might be on current topics, were of no special value regarding stamps. What I understood our members wanted were articles which, if they were writing up stamps of a particular country, they could turn to on those particular subjects. Was not that right, Mr. Luff, rather than current comments?

Mr. Luff: I should think so, Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone: Articles of current comment we did not index, unless in some cases where they referred to association matters, when we did include them, as this was an association index and the things might be useful.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I suppose from the discussion I am understood as being very much "again" this committee. I am not at all. I am disappointed that we have not more results for our year's work. I quite agree with Mr. Stone that editorials, comments, expressions of a man's personal opinion about anything, are of practically no value to us in a philatelic index—

Mr. Wyllie: *A la* Mr. Luff on the button. (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: Yes. That sort of thing in many papers, and particularly the editorials within the last year or two in the "American Journal of Philately," are trash, with a dash in front of it. (Laughter.) Nobody knows that better than I do. I do not quite agree with Mr. Stone when he says that he does not think we need to put down the chronicle of new stamps. I think the committee rather made a mistake there. In writing articles I have found it very useful to know when things were first announced as being issued, to trace back the earliest report of them; and I have even been able to work out the history of a complicated issue by its announcements from month to month in old files of papers when they changed a little bit. Some years ago I was working on the first issue of Shanghai, a curious, complicated issue that was printed "while you wait," much of it. If you went to the post office and you wanted some eight-canderean stamps, and the thing was set up for twos, they pulled out the figures in Chinese characters and you waited until you got it. Then you asked for sixteens and you got them in the same way. It is a curious sort of issue, and we found by following the European magazines which announced, "We have just received these stamps and they differ from others in such a way"—we found there was internal evidence of the issue of these stamps in the order in which they were printed as shown by these articles, and it was a useful thing. I do not think they are making quite what we desire. We are looking for a sort of cyclopaedia of Philatelic literature in our index, and a cyclopaedia that does not mention a lot of things is not complete. If you are going to have the heading "Argentine Republic" in the "Monthly Journal" you want to know every volume and every page on which the Argentine Republic was mentioned, whether it was an article about Senor or whether it was a chronicle of new stamps.

Mr. Batchelder: I have no desire to throw a brick at that committee, but a remark of the chairman, it seems to me, calls for a suggestion. He intimated that little or no assistance had been thrust on that committee from Philatelists. Now I have been on committees myself, and I don't remember many occasions where the committee were overloaded with requests for permission to assist them. Now the suggestion, seems to me, is called for, and I hope that the committee will take it, too, that they do quite a considerable portion of their work in the way of urging prominent philatelists to assist them and outlining the work for each person to do. For instance, if they were to write to Mr. John N. Luff, saying that they had decided that they would like to have him index certain works, I think they would be much more likely to get those works indexed than they would if they waited for Mr. John N. Luff to write to the committee and request permission. I think there is the reason why the committee have not done more work the past year than they have. I hope they will take that suggestion.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, that is just what we propose to do this year. I stated in my report that we were not ready for outside work, because we had not our plans definitely outlined and did not know just what we wanted to include, etc. I merely mention it that we had not had any offers for outside help, as Mr. Luff brought up the question that folks hadn't heard anything from us.

Mr. Luff: The other men are as busy as you are, and unless you ask for help you will never get it.

Mr. Stone: We are going to.

The President: I think probably the committee understand the suggestions that have been made. If you are ready for the question—(cries of "Question!")

The question on the acceptance of the report was put to vote, and the report was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The secretary read the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee has attended to their duties and examined the books, vouchers and reports of the secretary, treasurer, assistant-librarian and sales superintendent, and find them to be correct and accompanied by certificates of deposit or cashiers' drafts, as stated.

Your committee would also call the attention of the convention to the fact that but \$1,200 of the funds in treasury is drawing interest, while about \$1,800 is deposited subject to check without interest and would respectfully recommend that \$1,200 more be placed at interest.

E. M. CARPENTER,

R. R. BOGERT,

P. F. BRUNER,

Finance Committee.

Mr. Doebelin: I move that the report be accepted.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, before that motion is put I would say that we called on Mr. Oesch, the superintendent of sales, and asked him if there was any prospect of a large sum being needed in his department at the present. Of course a good deal of that money belongs to the insurance fund. But he assured me that he knew of no immediate use for it, so it seemed to the committee that we might just as well get interest on it as to have it left in the bank. We get \$30 interest on the other \$1,200, and the association would be \$30 in to invest the other \$1,200 the same way.

The question was put on the acceptance of report and it was declared accepted.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that this \$1,200 be placed with the New York Security and Trust Company, where the \$1,200 already is placed. On certificate of deposit, which draws 3 per cent.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Burt and carried.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Secretary: Mr. President, the newly elected Board of Directors met last evening and organized by the election of the following officers:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Alexander Holland, president.
Frank H. Burt, vice-president.
W. O. Wylie, vice-president.
Gordon Ireland, vice-president.
D. T. Eaton, secretary.

E. Doebelin, international secretary.
C. L. Annan, treasurer.
F. W. Coning,
H. B. Phillips.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Boston, Mass.—M. H. Lombard.
San Francisco, Cal.—W. E. Loy.
New York City—W. F. Gregory.
Pittsburg, Pa.—E. Doebelin.

Chicago, Ill.—P. M. Wolsieffer.
Western, Mass.—R. D. Maynard.
Minneapolis, Minn.—E. S. Martin.

APPOINTEE OFFICERS.

E. H. Anderson, librarian.	H. W. Wolseley, examiner sales books.
H. E. Deats, assistant librarian.	W. F. Gregory, auction purchasing agent.
H. D. Watson, collecting agent.	W. O. Staab, auction purchasing agent.
John J. Oesch, superintendent sales.	A. W. Batchelder, auction purchasing agent.

COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

W. C. Stone, chairman.	W. E. Loy.
E. R. Aldrich.	

COMMITTEE ON INDEX.

W. C. Stone, chairman.	J. W. Prevost.
J. D. Bartlett.	

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

E. S. Martin, chairman.	J. Watson Smith.
Dr. W. L. Downing.	

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

J. N. Luff, chairman.	J. C. Morgenthau.
J. M. Andreini.	

OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

F. H. Burt, chairman.	E. M. Carpenter.
L. L. Green.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

Mr. Wylie, chairman of the Committee on Official Journal, read the three following propositions from publishers and the report of the committee thereon:

Officers and Members of the A. P. A.:

Your committee begs leave to report that it has given consideration to the three propositions previously presented by the publishers of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Philatelic World, and Perforator, and has, after a careful consideration of the various propositions, decided to recommend that submitted by Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

In regard to the suggestion made by Mr. Severn we recommend that the words "the official" be eliminated from the 15th line of Art. 5, Sec. 3, and the words "all association" be inserted.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLARD O. WYLIE,
ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
WM. C. STONE.

Mr. Wylie: I move that the recommendation contained in the report relative to an amendment of the by-laws be referred to the Committee on By-Laws and that the balance of the report be accepted.

The President: You have heard the report of the committee, and there is a motion made that the latter part be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The motion to refer was carried.

The President: Gentlemen, the motion before the house is that the report of the Committee on Official Journal be accepted. That carries with it the official organ.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, before that report is accepted, should not the committee change the wording of it a little? It reads, "The committee decided to accept Mekeel's Weekly as the official organ." Should not it read, "recommend the acceptance?" I think the committee had no power to accept it.

The President: Yes.

The Secretary: I will change it. And it is "Official Journal," not "Official Organ." We have no organ.

The question being put, the motion to accept the report was carried.

The Secretary: Does that make Mekeel's Weekly the official journal?

The President: That makes, as I understand it, Mekeel's Weekly the official journal.

Mr. Doeblin: It is only recommended.

The President: We accepted the recommendation.

Mr. Carpenter: We accepted the report.

Mr. Doebelin: We accept the report, but that does not adopt the recommendation.

Mr. Deats: Then, Mr. President, I move that Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News be made the official journal of the association for one year, beginning September 1, on the terms recommended by the Committee on Official Journal.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer and carried.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, I don't know what action the Committee on By-Laws will take or has taken on this matter that the committee has just recommended, but it seems to me it would not be a bad idea for this convention to go on record with respect to what becomes of members' communications that are sent to the official journal.

The President: That will come up when the Committee on By-Laws report. The committee are now meeting in the outer hall and you might go out and see them.

Mr. Ireland: I speak of the matter because it has been settled by the habit of the present secretary, and now that he is going out of office it seems to me it would be well for the association to go on record so that the future secretary may be guided in his course. I therefore move that it is the sense of this convention that all communications from members which are refused by the secretary for publication in the official department of the Official Journal shall be published by the publisher of any magazine, whether it be the Official Journal or any other, entirely without the auspices of the association. That is Mr. Deats' custom, as I understand it, at present. That is the custom which Mr. Jewett has pursued for the last two years in connection with communications from members which Mr. Deats has not thought worthy to go into the official journal.

The President: How is that, Mr. Deats?

Mr. Deats: I don't quite get Mr. Ireland's idea.

Mr. Ireland: There are communications which members write and send to Mr. Deats, which Mr. Deats does not think of sufficient interest to publish under the official matter. Those communications Mr. Deats has returned to the writer, a member of the association, and that member has, usually at Mr. Deats' suggestion, sent them to Mr. Jewett, who has published them in his communication column under his usual heading that the editor is not responsible for the sentiments expressed, but entirely outside of the official columns of the association; so that, though it really comes from a member of the association, it has no more connection with the official matter than any other communication in Mr. Jewett's paper. And that is the custom that I think ought to be continued in the future.

The President: Yes.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, that matter was up at one convention and I do not remember that any action was taken, but I felt it necessary to do something, because I would be considered responsible for it, and I turned down a number of communications which were extremely personal, and they were never published in any paper—no editor would dare to publish them. And I have continued to do so, although I am aware that I had no authority from the convention or from the association. But it was necessary for some one to exercise a little common sense, I thought, and I took the responsibility of using what I had.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I don't believe that we can take any action upon this matter that will help us in any way. I am sure that Mr. Severn will be just as judicious in the exercise of his intellect and common sense in the matter of what shall go into the Official Journal as Mr. Jewett has been, and he made an express request for this explaining of the by-laws in order that he might not be caught in the box of publishing things that would reflect upon the work of the association. He desires that there shall be an O. K. upon the part of Mr. Eaton of all association and official matter that goes into the Official Journal, and you may be sure that Mr. Severn will not put into the Official Journal anything that has not the O. K. of Mr. Eaton upon it, whether or not it concerns the association work. I do not think we need to take any further action on Mr. Ireland's suggestion in regard to the publication of matter in relation to the association.

Mr. Deats: I think we might as well settle it. I move—

The President: There is a motion before the house.

Mr. Deats: It was not seconded.

The President: Didn't somebody second Mr. Ireland's motion?

Mr. Deats: I didn't hear it. I move that the secretary of the association be the editor of the Official—

Mr. Wylie: That is embodied in that recommendation that the committee puts in, that all official matter shall be O. M'd by the secretary.

Mr. Toppan: That is in the by-laws, Mr. Deats.

Mr. Deats: Is it?

Mr. Stone: Under the duties of the secretary.

Mr. Ireland: As I understand Mr. Wylie, he said that Mr. Severn was to be the judge of what should go in the association matter. I think that is a misapprehension.

The Secretary: Mr. Eaton is to be the judge as to what shall go in the official column.

Mr. Wylie: I beg your pardon, I didn't say any such thing.

Mr. Ireland: May I ask the stenographer to read the first part of Mr. Wylie's speech?

Mr. Wylie: If I did, I withdraw it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ireland: Then, Mr. President, the secretary is to have charge of all the matter in the official columns as before, and all I want to say here now is that the secretary should judge what correspondence in the form of communications from members should be put in those columns, and all that matter that he rejects the publisher of the Official Journal or any other magazine publishes entirely regardless of the association. We have nothing to do with matter that the secretary rejects.

The President: You did not make any motion, Mr. Ireland?

The Secretary: There is no motion before the house.

Mr. Gregory: Yes, a motion was made and seconded by Mr. Ireland. I think that motion is entirely covered by this clause in the by-laws:

"Art. V. Sec. 3. Secretary.—The secretary shall, under the supervision of the president, edit the official matter published in the Official Journal." If there be any matter rejected by the secretary and published in the Journal which contains the official matter, it is outside the auspices of the association. That is already covered by this provision.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. Gregory, supposing you send in an article—you are not an officer of this association—supposing you send in an article that very harshly criticizes an officer of the association; that is not official matter?

Mr. Gregory: No.

Mr. Wylie: Now we wish to cover that, and we wish to cover it by the words, "all official matter shall be O. M'd *by the secretary.

We recommend that the words "the official" be eliminated from the 15th line of Art. 5, Sec. 3, and the words "all association" be inserted.

Mr. Gregory: That is already provided for.

Mr. Wylie: I beg your pardon, but it does not seem to me as though "official matter" would cover a communication made by an ordinary member.

Mr. Gregory: It comes within the scope of the secretary to reject that.

Mr. Wylie: Supposing the member did not send it to the secretary at all, but to Mr. Severn?

Mr. Gregory: Mr. Severn has no right to publish it.

Mr. Wylie: It is not official matter, Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Gregory: Nothing should be published under an official heading, or notes, or whatever term you please to use, until it has been edited by the secretary.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. Gregory, Mr. Severn does not refer to matter coming from the secretary. In other words, Mr. Severn wishes to put under the official heading all matter relating to the association. Now if a communication goes to him as the editor of the paper, and not to the paper as the organ of the association, Mr. Severn wishes instructions as to where it should be used.

Mr. Gregory: If it is matter intended for the official department it should be referred to the secretary for his O. K. or rejection.

Mr. Wylie: And if it is not intended for that department?

Mr. Gregory: He assumes his own responsibility for it.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. Severn wishes to remove that responsibility from his shoulders.

Mr. Gregory: He cannot. He cannot. He, as editor, is arbiter complete of anything that goes into that paper.

Mr. Luff: We are not editing the paper.

Mr. Wylie: It seems to me that we can remove that from him by making the amendment to the by-laws which the committee here reports.

Mr. Gregory: It is entirely outside the jurisdiction of the association.

The President: I think this all can come under the by-laws.

Mr. Luff: I was out of the room; may I ask to have the motion, or whatever it is—read?

The Secretary: "In the by-laws, Art. V., Sec. 3, strike out the"—

The President: No, that is not the motion.

Mr. Gregory: The motion made by Mr. Ireland.

Mr. Ireland: My motion, was—

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I believe I have the floor.

The motion was read, as follows:

"That it is the sense of this convention that all communications from members which are refused by the secretary for publication in the official department of the Official Journal, shall be published by the publisher of any magazine, whether it be the Official Journal or any other, entirely without the auspices of the Association."

Mr. Luff: If I understand it, the effect of the motion is that matter which is rejected by the secretary "shall be published" by some magazine.

Mr. Gregory: He intended it to be "if published."

Mr. Luff: The "if" is not there. Your motion is only foolishness; it is tommyrot. Gentlemen, are you the editors of all the magazines in this country or elsewhere, that you shall say what they shall or shall not publish? I do not think this thing needs the slightest discussion. The secretary is editor of our column in the Official Journal, and what he rejects is rejected. If the editor sees fit to publish it elsewhere we cannot say that he shall not. We have nothing to do with Mekeel's Weekly, outside of our own columns.

A Voice: That is right.

The question being put, Mr. Ireland's motion was lost.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The President: The report of the Committee on By-Laws is next in order.

The Secretary: Mr. President, there are copies of the by-laws here for every member who wants them to look over as we go along.

Mr. Oesch: Gentlemen, these are the amendments and the alterations and the additions which the Committee on By-Laws placed before you:

Amendment to article 7, section 1: Insert after "A collecting agent" the words "A counterfeit detector."

Delete the words "Purchasing and."

Sec. 2. Add "A Committee on Philatelic Index,
A Membership Committee, and
A Special Library Committee."

Sec. 4. Delete the words "Purchasing and" wherever they occur.

The President: We will take up each section and vote on it as we go along.

The Secretary: Oh, no; we ought to have the report read through.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I move we take up this report seriatim.

The President: We will later on; we will read it through first.

Mr. Wylie: Oh, we will save time. I move, Mr. President, that we take up the report seriatim.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

Mr. Luff: That is a nice word; what does it mean? Mr. Wylie's motion was put to vote and declared carried.

*Mr. Toppa*n: I call for a division of the house.

A standing vote was taken and the president declared the motion lost—10 yes, 11 no.

Mr. Wylie: How is that, Mr. President? What is the vote, Mr. President?

The President: The secretary gave me the vote as 11 to 10, sir.

Mr. Wylie: 11 to 10 against?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Wylie: That is a bad count. There were 13 on the floor and I counted them.

Mr. Doeblin: Have another vote.

A Voice. No wire pulling from the chair.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I suggest that you count this vote.

*Mr. Toppa*n: Mr. President, I object to the insinuations cast by the gentleman from Massachusetts, and will call for a roll call. (Shouts and applause.)

The President: The secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary: Is this roll call by proxies?

Voices: No.

Mr. Stone: Yes.

Several Members: A vote by proxies.

(Confusion.)

Mr. Luff: You call three proxy holders and everything will be settled.

Mr. Doeblin: We will settle that quicker. All that are satisfied that the report shall not be read through may step out during the first reading and come back for the second; we will save the time.

A Voice: Is the object here to save time?

The President: Yes.

The Secretary: No, it is to kill time.

Mr. Oesch: We want to kill time; we have plenty of time this morning.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I would like to ask for a ruling whether it would be legal for us to consider a portion of a report before the whole report has been read to the convention. I never knew it to be done before. I am not booked up enough in parliamentary law to give a decision myself, but it strikes me that it is very irregular to consider a portion of the report before the whole has been read.

Mr. Oesch: Mr. President, you cannot consider a portion of this report, because in the first section there is an amendment which will affect articles way down to the end, and we cannot take up until we hear the end.

Mr. Ireland: I change my vote from no to yes,—I mean from yes to no.

Mr. Batchelder: Do you know what you do mean?

The President: Gentlemen, please come to order and give your attention to the roll-call.

The Secretary: Mr. President, those who vote yes are in favor of having the report considered seriatim before it is read through; those who vote no are in favor of having it read through first.

The secretary proceeded to call the roll, and the members whose names were called responded as follows:

Mr. Wolseiffer: No.

Mr. Luff: He has 66 proxies.

Mr. Oesch: 75 proxies and my own vote.

Mr. Stone: I am not voting.

Mr. Wylie: One vote, yes.

The Secretary: How about proxies?

Mr. Wylie: I don't know how they would vote.

Mr. Luff: 37 proxies and a vote no. It is carried in the negative. You need not go any further.

Mr. Batchelder: I suggest that we go no further with the roll call, as the matter is already settled.

The Secretary: Rode, what is your vote?

Mr. Rode: Yes.

*Mr. Toppa*n: 21 votes no.

Mr. Martin: Yes, 18.

Mr. Carpenter: No, 11.

Mr. Bartels: 2 yes.

Mr. Bartlett: No.

The Secretary: Shall I go down the list? That is about 230—

The President: If you gentlemen are satisfied—

Mr. Stone: I move that further proceedings under the roll call be discontinued and that we proceed with the report.

The motion was seconded and carried, and Mr. Oesch proceeded to read the report of the committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Amend Art. VII, Sec. 1. Insert after "A Collecting Agent" the words "A Counterfeit Detector."

Delete the words "Purchasing and."

Sec. 2. Add:

A Committee on Philatelic Index,

A Membership Committee, and

A Special Library Committee.

Sec. 4. Delete the words "Purchasing and" wherever they occur.

Sec. 8. To be numbered Sec. 5.

Sec. 9 to be numbered Sec. 6.

Sec. 5 to be numbered Sec. 7.

Sec. 8 to read as follows:

"Collecting Agent.—The Collecting Agent shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this association against any persons whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken and the proper authorities notified to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of, or dealer in, forged stamps, etc.

"He may charge for his services all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered, provided, that in case of collections made for the association he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission."

Sec. 9 to read as follows:

"Counterfeit Detector.—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted; but if less than five stamps are submitted the charge shall be twenty-five cents. Postage or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by the owner. He shall not pronounce upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He also has the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee."

Sec. 6 to be numbered Sec. 11.

Sec. 12 to read:

"Obituary Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the official journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book of the association."

Sec. 13 to read:

"Committee on Philatelic Literature.—It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the official journal, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals and papers, that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for."

Sec. 14 to read as follows:

"Committee on Philatelic Index.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication a complete index of all Philatelic literature."

Sec. 7 to be numbered Sec. 15.

Sec. 16 to read as follows:

"Membership Committee.—The Membership Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature calculated to impress upon the Philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the association.

"They shall also investigate the standing of applicants when so requested by the Secretary."

Sec. 17 to read:

"Special Library Committee.—This Committee, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, shall advise the members of the

amount of postage, including registration, which will be needed for sending the same. Upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. They shall also keep a record of all books passing through their hands, and shall see that the same are properly returned."

Art. VIII, Sec. 3, paragraph beginning, "Should any blank space be found, it is the member's duty," etc.; insert after the fourth word "or missing page."

Same section, add the following paragraph:

"Members sending in books for circulation shall not place any mark upon the space covered by the mounted stamp. Books marked in violation of this rule shall not be circulated.

"It shall be within the province of the Sales Superintendent to refuse, for cause, to circulate any books."

Wherever reference is made to "Purchasing and Sales Department," alter to read "Sales Department."

ALEX. HOLLAND,
GEO. L. TOPPAN,
H. E. DEATS,
JOHN J. OESCH,
JOHN N. LUFF.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would like to say in explanation of the report that it seemed necessary to thoroughly revise article seven, "Officers and Standing Committees," because it had been revised almost every year and was rather mixed up, and hence it is now all digested and put in logical sequence. That is the reason that most of the alterations suggested are all in that one article. I move that the report be received and the amendments considered seriatim.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Oesch and carried.

Mr. Drew: I move that all the recommendations be adopted without any further consideration.

Mr. Luff: What is the use of moving to consider them seriatim and then move to consider them in a lump? Do one thing or the other, gentlemen.

The proposed amendments were thereupon taken up seriatim and were read by Mr. Oesch.

The proposed amendment to Article VII, Sec. 1, inserting the words "A Counterfeit Detector," and striking out the words "Purchasing and," on motion of Mr. Carpenter, was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Article VII, Sec. 2, adding the words "A Committee on Philatelic Index, a Membership Committee, and a Special Library Committee," was read.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would like to say that this Special Library Committee is the one that has been called a Joint Committee on Library, which consists of three Pittsburgh members.

On motion of Mr. Luff, the amendment was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Section 4, striking out the words "Purchasing and" wherever they occur in that section, was read, and on motion of Mr. Carpenter was adopted.

The next amendment, changing the number of Section 8 to Section 5, on motion of Mr. Luff was adopted.

The next amendment, changing the number of Section 9 to Section 6, was read, and Mr. Luff moved its adoption.

Mr. Burt: I will suggest an omnibus motion that all changes of numbers of sections be approved in a lump.

Mr. Luff: I accept the amendment.

Mr. Luff's motion as amended was put to vote and carried.

The next amendment, Section 8, defining the duties of collecting agent, was read.

Mr. Burt: I move that the title of this officer be changed to attorney. We have extended his duties to cover the prosecution of counterfeiters, giving him broader duties than those of a mere collecting agent. I think such a change will add to the dignity of the office.

The motion to amend was carried, and the entire section as amended was adopted.

The proposed draft of Section 9, defining the duties of counterfeit detector, was read. On motion of Mr. Deats, the last sentence was amended to read, "He shall also have the

right," etc.

Mr. Luff, moved to insert the words "at one time" after the word "submitted," in two places.

Mr. Oesch: I would suggest that that be covered by stating that the minimum fee be twenty-five cents for five or less stamps.

Mr. Deats: We discussed it last night and we thought this was the simplest.

Mr. Toppan: I would announce that we have not only discussed it, but we have discussed it till we are all disgusted. (Laughter.)

At *Mr. Luff's* request *Mr. Oesch* read the section again, as follows:

"The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted"—

Mr. Luff: I would like to insert there "at one time." There is another place where I would like to put it in also.

Mr. Oesch: (Reading.) "But if less than five stamps are submitted"—

Mr. Luff: "At one time."

Mr. Oesch: (Reading.)—"the charge shall be twenty-five cents."

Mr. Carpenter: I would second that amendment, Mr. President.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I think the charges are too high. They used to be three cents apiece. A man who has a ten or fifteen-cent stamp to be examined has no way whatever to get it examined. He has to pay twenty-five cents and the postage. He will throw the stamp away whether it is genuine or a counterfeit.

Mr. Bartels: If the stamp is only worth ten cents and should turn out to be a counterfeit, it would be worth five cents as a curiosity.

Mr. Doebelin: That wouldn't come up to twenty-five cents and postage; that is too much.

Mr. Wolseiffer: I want to ask this committee for what reason they decide that the counterfeit detector shall not pass on any surcharged stamps.

Mr. Bartlett: I would, too.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I was about to ask about that same thing. Would it not be better to say, "Shall not be required to"? In some cases a counterfeit detector might pass on such things offhand; in other cases it might require a study of hours. It is in these things that a counterfeit detector needs to be protected. Where he can pass on them offhand the charge of five cents is fair; where it would take an hour or more you go before the expert committee. If the clause has "shall not be required to," would it not be in better shape than the present?

Mr. Luff: Is this an appointive office, this counterfeit detector?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Luff: Would it be out of order to ask whom you thought of for the position.

The Secretary: Mr. President, the Board of Directors could not last evening appoint a counterfeit detector, because the office had not been created.

The President: I think Mr. Toppan can explain Mr. Batchelder's question.

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, the only idea in framing that clause as it was drawn, was that surcharges present one of the hardest classes to be correctly judged. The ordinary common surcharge that everybody can pronounce on there is no need of sending to a counterfeit detector. We must differentiate somewhere between the counterfeit detector and the expert committee. Nine-tenths—probably ninety-nine out of a hundred—of stamps bearing surcharges would fall properly within the province of the expert committee. They would take the most careful study and measurements. We want to draw the line somewhere and make it as distinct as possible, and concluding that the majority of these surcharges would fall naturally within the province of the expert committee, we concluded to lump the whole thing and say he should not. We made it mandatory for that reason, purposely.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, perhaps if Mr. Toppan will occupy the chair in some dealer's office for a few weeks, the point which he makes will be changed. It is surprising what miserable lithographic imitations are accepted by some collectors who have followed collecting for years, and who think that they know a whole lot about stamps, and who submit their collections for examination and approval. And, as Mr. Batchelder says, many of

these surcharges can be passed upon offhand and avoid a whole lot of trouble and a great deal of deceit on the part of unprincipled collectors or dealers who wish to trade off or exchange these miserable things. Mr. Luff and other dealers who have these collections passed before their eyes almost daily, appreciate the point I am making very readily.

Mr. Bartlett: I do not see why a restriction should be placed upon the counterfeit detector in that line. If any stamp is submitted to the counterfeit detector and the surcharge or the stamp is more than he wishes to tackle for the fee, I should think he should return it to the owner without expressing his opinion at all, and without making any charge, and let it then be referred to the Expert Committee, but let him pass upon any stamp that may be submitted to him.

Mr. Deats: I think Mr. Batchelder's suggestion that he shall not be required to pass upon surcharges or on stamps than can be plated might be better in many instances than the mandatory form which the committee have recommended.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I would say in regard to what Mr. Bartlett said, that the counterfeit detector could return the stamp and say that he did not care to pass on it, this section as read says that the counterfeit detector must pass on all stamps submitted to him, and unless some such section was in there he would be required to pass on all the stamps—

Mr. Oesch: It also says in here, "He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee."

Mr. Carpenter: Well, that last sentence might cover it, but I judged by what Mr. Bartlett said that he would like to have all that struck out. Perhaps I misunderstood him.

The President: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

(Cries of "Question!")

The question being put on Mr. Luff's motion to amend by inserting "at one time" in two places, the same was adopted.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I would offer another amendment—the changing of the language there so that the counterfeit detector may not be required, rather than the mandatory position it now takes.

Mr. Oesch: The way I have it now is, "He shall not pronounce upon the genuineness—

A Member: Mr. President, the question is all out of order; the question is simply upon the addition of those words "at one time."

The President: That has been passed.

Mr. Batchelder: This is another amendment, Mr. President, which I want.

Mr. Batchelder's motion was seconded, and carried.

The proposed new section, as amended by the foregoing proceedings, was then read, as follows:

"Sec. 9. Counterfeit Detector.—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents. Postage or expense of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

"He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee."

On motion of Mr. Ireland, the foregoing section was adopted.

The proposed drafts of sections 12 and 13, defining the duties of the Obituary Committee and the Committee on Philatelic Literature, were adopted.

The proposed amendment to section 14 was read, as follows:

"Sec. 14. Committee on Philatelic Index.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication a complete index of all Philatelic literature."

Mr. Toppa moved the adoption of the amendment. A motion was made to amend the amendment by striking out the word "complete."

The question was stated by the chair.

Mr. ———: I notice the wording "all philatelic literature." Is that to include papers in foreign languages?

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, the word "complete" there means, I presume, the definition of the word "complete," and I do not believe that the committee, if they looked into the matter far enough, would consider such a thing feasible. When you read the contents of philatelic papers and see the amount of trash that goes in under the guise of contributed matter, it seems to me as though it would be an encumbering of the work of this committee to such an extent that it would be ridiculous. There are others who contribute, for instance, articles made up of paragraphs that have not continuity to them, nor do they have any facts in them that pertain to the advancement of our work, and it would be ridiculous to think of indexing such trash. There is also a great deal of matter that appears in the way of chronicle of new issue. If we are to have a complete index it means that the contents of every magazine is to be completely indexed. I submit it is not wise, it is not feasible, it is a burden to this committee; it will give us more than we need.

Mr. Stone: I would like to call attention to another matter: "Philatelic Literature." That is, we have got to index every annual catalogue, etc. Should not it read "periodicals," rather than "literature?"

The President: Well, Mr. Stone, we will pass on Mr. Wylie's amendment first and then take up yours.

Mr. Stone: I was not amending—I was merely asking.

Mr. Luff: Is the amendment up for discussion, Mr. President?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Luff: Mr. Stone said that we would have to index every catalogue and periodical. I don't think there is any law laid down that the committee should index any particular thing; it is left to their discretion.

Mr. Stone: It says, "all philatelic literature."

Mr. Luff: Oh, I beg your pardon.

The President: You have heard the motion to strike out the word "complete."

Mr. Ireland: I fail to see the objection to leaving it in. The committee won't do all that in any one year, anyway. By the time they have to choose between being complete and not, perhaps we can amend the by-laws. I am in favor of leaving it in.

Mr. Bartlett: If this committee is instructed at this convention to make a complete index of the work they have in hand, it will be necessary for them to go over their work, which is all right, of course. But if you look at the amount of waste paper that will be used in indexing complete, the amount of trash that we will have to go through if we are looking up any particular subject at all, which is of no earthly use—

Mr. Luff: How can you tell it is of no use till you have looked it up?

Mr. Bartlett: I mean of no use to the general public or philatelic interest. I think the rule as we have laid down that only articles pertaining to stamps and stamp men are to be indexed and all this trash and stuff is to be left out, is a very good one. It will be a work which will be a credit to the association, while if we make a complete index it will be a volume larger than the association will care to publish.

Mr. Bartels: I see the word "literature" is used here.

The President: That is another amendment, Mr. Bartels; we want to get through with this first amendment first—the question whether the word "complete" shall stay in there or not.

The question was put on the striking out of the word "complete," and it was ordered struck out.

Mr. Bartels: There are two more matters which I would like to speak of. I see the word "all" is used here. Does that mean all philatelic literature published in 18 or 20 different languages, or is it confined to English publications?

Mr. Toppa: Most decidedly. We want to give them a chance to do all they can.

Mr. Bartels: I would suggest leaving out the word "all," or inserting "all printed in the English language."

Mr. Oesch: They might want to index those printed in the German language, or in the Irish language.

Mr. Bartels: We might confine ourselves to certain languages, but not include all; it would be imposing too much of a task on the committee.

The President: You move that the word "all" be stricken out?

Mr. Bartels: No, I move that we insert after that "all publications in the English language, or such others as they may see fit."

The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, I move that we amend by eliminating the word "all," leaving it to the discretion of the committee.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Toppan's motion to strike out "all" was carried.

Mr. Carpenter: Now, Mr. President, I move that the article as amended be adopted.

The section was read as amended, viz.:

"Committee on Philatelic Index.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication an index of philatelic literature."

Mr. Gregory: That is correct; that is all right.

The question recurred on the adoption of section as amended, and it being put to vote the section was declared adopted.

The proposed draft of section 16, defining the duties of the Membership Committee, was read.

Mr. Carpenter moved the adoption of the section.

The section as reported by the committee was adopted.

Section 17, defining the duties of the Special Library Committee, was read.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, some of those books are too heavy to be sent by mail; they have to go by express. It seems to me the words "postage and registration"—

Mr. Oesch: Yes, "carrying charge."

Mr. Rode: "Cost of carriage."

Mr. Ireland: You can send any book by mail.

Mr. Oesch: Why not use the words "postage or expressage"?

Mr. Carpenter: "Cost of carriage" is better.

Mr. Deats: If the Committee on By-Laws will accept that—

Mr. Oesch: We will accept it—"shall advise the member of the cost of carriage."

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, on behalf of the Committee on By-Laws, I ask leave to amend our report by changing that to read "carriage".

Mr. Rode: I will make an amendment to the amendment before it is passed upon; that is, to strike out all after the word "hands" in the latter part—the last sentence—"and shall see that the same are properly returned." The books will be returned directly to the library, and the committee will get credit for them. They are not charged to the members of the association, but to the special committee. The books may as well be sent direct to the library as to the member of the committee, who would have to go two or three miles to return them.

Mr. Rode's amendment was adopted and the amendment proposed by the committee substituting "cost of carriage" for "amount of postage, including registration," was agreed to by unanimous consent, and the section was adopted in the following form:

"Section 17. Special Library Committee.—This committee, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, shall advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. They shall also keep a record of all books passing through their hands."

The proposed amendment to Art. VIII, Sec. 3, by inserting the words "or missing page" after the words "blank space" was taken up.

Mr. Rode: How can we tell whether there is a missing page or not?

Mr. Toppan: I would move to make that plural. There may be five missing; he has only got to notify of one.

Mr. Oesch: "Or missing pages."

Mr. Gregory: I object to the reading of the amendment. If blank spaces or missing leaves be found, why should they be charged up? How can you find a "missing leaf"?

Mr. Ireland: Can't you find a blank space?

Mr. Gregory: Yes, you can find a blank space, but you can't find missing leaves. That is the trouble.

Mr. Oesch: You could find the leaves were missing.

Mr. Hasler: "Found to be missing."

Mr. Carpenter: "Should any blank space be found, or pages missing?"

Mr. Ireland: "Should any space be found blank, or pages missing?"

Mr. Oesch: "Should any blank space be found, or page be missing?"

Mr. Carpenter: I should say the singular number would be better.

Mr. Drew: Why not put it, "If it be found that there are spaces blank or pages missing"?

Mr. Ireland: We have just got it fixed.

Mr. Oesch: This is the way: "Should any space be found blank, or page missing."

Mr. Ireland: I move that the amendment be adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried, and the clause was declared adopted in the following form:

"Should any space be found blank, or page missing, it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount."

The second amendment proposed to Art. VIII, Sec. 3, was taken up and adopted.

The President: Any further reports?

Mr. Wylie: I don't know whether the association wants to do it in parliamentary form or not. By the way, allow me—that has not been adopted as yet; you have not declared it adopted, have you, as a whole?

The President: No, not as a whole.

Mr. Wylie: It seems to me as though it ought to be done. We have changed from section to section various things as presented, and it is common, I think, to accept a report in its entirety as a whole.

Mr. Oesch: I understand that is customary.

Mr. Deats: It has been done every year.

Mr. Wylie: I move it be accepted as a whole, Mr. President.

Mr. Toppin: I would also call attention to the fact that this being an amendment of the by-laws, requires a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting, who shall be at least a third of the total membership. We have got to take the vote by a roll call.

Mr. Stone: If there is any objection.

The Secretary: No roll call is necessary unless there is objection.

The President: Did anybody second Mr. Wylie's motion?

Mr. Wolsieffer: Yes.

The President: The motion has been made and seconded that the report be accepted as it is, as an entirety. If there are no objections the report will so stand.

The President: The amendments to the by-laws as read have been passed. Any further reports of committees, Mr. Secretary?

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, RESUMED.

The Secretary: The committees that have not yet reported are the Committee on Standing Rules, Library, Sales and Purchasing Department, Branch Societies, Resolutions, and the special committee to audit the account of Sales Superintendent Smith. That report will probably be here tomorrow.

The President: Are there any of those reports ready?

Mr. Wolsieffer: The Committee on Sales Department is ready.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee have audited the accounts of the Sales Superintendent and have found them correct as reported.

We recommend that the Sales Superintendent be empowered to use his discretion in rejecting such books offered as in his judgment may be undesirable for circulation.

We further recommend that he be authorized to exercise his own judgment in all matters pertaining to the circulation of books.

The suggestion offered at the convention in the Vice-Presidents' report that the reverse of each page consecutively numbered should be adopted.

We still further recommend that no remarks writing or stamping of the owner shall either partly or in the whole be covered by any stamp, such space being reserved for the sole purpose of control marks or names of purchasers.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,

H. W. LEGG,

J. M. BARTELS,

On motion of Mr. Deats the report was accepted, the recommendations made by the committee having been incorporated in the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

The report of the Committee on Standing Rules was read by Mr. Legg, as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

We, the Committee on Standing Rules, finding that Sec. 7 of Art. 3 provides "that all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Roberts' Rules of Order," it seems unnecessary to continue the existence of this committee.

We would recommend, therefore, that this committee be abolished.

For the reason we would suggest that this committee be stricken from the list of standing committees mentioned in Sec. 9 of Art. 3 of the By-Laws.

H. W. LEGG,

EDWIN F. SAWYER,

L. C. HASSLER.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the committee; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that it be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Mr. Deats: And the by-laws amended accordingly.

Mr. Stone: Yes.

The motion was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

The Secretary: One matter which will probably come up is the place of the convention of 1904. We are not going anywhere this afternoon; we might just as well keep on. I move that we proceed to select the time and place of the convention of 1904.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter, and pending a vote thereon the convention took a recess for five minutes.

The President: Gentlemen, we will continue. The question before the house is, shall we proceed to the selection of the convention place?

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, as secretary I have received communications from the Boards of Trade and business men's associations inviting us to meet at St. Louis, at Put-in-Bay, at Niagara Falls, and at Portland, Me. I have received no communications from any philatelic centers or from philatelic bodies.

The President: Are there any further invitations? Are there any nominations?

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, to start the ball rolling I will say that I am requested by a member whom I represent by proxy to place the city of St. Louis in nomination.

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, on behalf of a proxy whom I represent, I would like to go on record as seconding the nomination of the city of St. Louis.

Mr. Rode: I am instructed by the Twin City branch to nominate Pittsburg as the place of the next convention. (Applause.)

Mr. Wolsieffer: As a delegate of Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association, I take great pleasure in seconding that nomination of Pittsburg, as they endorsed Pittsburg sometime ago officially, and I think it so appeared in the official journal.

Mr. Martin: The Minneapolis Branch of the American Philatelic Association has instructed me to place in nomination our own city as convention seat for 1904. We have already arranged for the entertainment of the members, should they decide to meet with us, and we can offer many advantages that we feel few eastern cities can. The fact that four successive conventions have been held in the East is one of the best reasons, we feel, why we

have a very good reason for asking you to come and meet with us. There are some here today who met with us nearly ten years ago, and I think that the stay at Minnetonka was enjoyed by all. We shall be very glad to have you with us, and it will be an incentive to us in our work, and I am sure will add a great many members to the membership list of our Association. I trust that those who are here will feel that they can visit us the coming year, and if that is not possible we wish to go on record at this time as being determined to secure the convention for 1905. (Applause.)

Mr. Stone: On behalf of numerous instructed proxies I desire most cordially to second the nomination of Minneapolis.

Mr. Luff: I had a letter here from Mr. Loy, the resident Vice-President for San Francisco, in which he says—I presume this may be considered as a nomination:

"If there is any scarcity of desirable places to hold the next convention, I trust your fealty to San Francisco has not so far dwindled that you cannot put in a claim for us. Of course we of the coast cannot expect the matter to be seriously considered when there is no California representative to be with you; but I assure you if the convention ever comes to San Francisco we will turn out to a man. And I believe further that few cities in the United States offer more that is new and altogether novel than San Francisco." I therefore desire in the name of the San Francisco Branch to offer San Francisco as a convention seat. (Applause.)

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I did not intend to say a word about Pittsburg—there is no object in it anyhow.

Mr. Stone: Don't forget that trunk.

Mr. Doebelin: Ah! But as to Minneapolis, Mr. Martin talks so highly of Minneapolis I think I have got to put a word in for Pittsburg. The Pittsburg boys want the convention, and want it very bad. Pittsburg is the workshop of the United States,—I might say of America,—I might say of the world.

Mr. Batchelder: You might say almost anything.

Mr. Doebelin: We will show you there the big armor plates where they are made. We will show you the big mills, big glass houses—

Mr. Bartlett: Breweries?

Mr. Doebelin: No. We have the largest glass house in the world. We have the Westinghouse Electric Works, which employ about 30,000 men. We have fine parks. We have the finest and most expensive office building in the world.

Mr. Willey: What about the ball club

Mr. Doebelin: We have got the best baseball club in the world. (Cries of "Ah!") We have got the Allegheny, the Monongahela, and the Ohio, very fine rivers. We will entertain you as well as we can, and we can do it if you want to. Now please all vote for Pittsburg, will you? (Laughter.)

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, I desire to say a few words on Pittsburg. In the first place, Mr. Doebelin says that they have there the largest glass house in the world. Now I have always wanted to see a glass house, but I never did yet.

Mr. Luff: I live in one and we throw stones in it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Toppan: That is one attraction that I do not see how the members can overlook. The second and most important by far is the genial personality of the last speaker. (Applause.) Pittsburg alone possesses it. The whole world cannot show his equal. We swear by him every time.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Before this is closed I have one proxy who insists that I nominate Chicago for convention seat, and therefore I place it in nomination. (Cries of "No!")

There being no further remarks, the secretary proceeded to call the roll, and Pittsburg was declared chosen as the place of the next convention, the vote in detail being as follows:

Mr. Bartels: Pittsburg, two.

Mr. Bartlett: Pittsburg, two.

Mr. Batchelder: Pittsburg.

Mr. Bogert: Pittsburg.

Mr. Bruner: Pittsburg.

Mr. Burt: Pittsburg.

Mr. Carpenter: Pittsburg, 11.

Mr. Drew: Pittsburg.

Mr. Deats: Pittsburg.

Mr. Doebelin: Pittsburg, forever. (Laughter.)

Mr. Gregory: Minneapolis.

Mr. Haskler: Pittsburg.

Mr. Holland: I won't vote; I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings.

Mr. Ireland: Minneapolis.

Mr. Legg: Pittsburg.

Mr. Luff: Minneapolis, 6; Pittsburg, 32.

Mr. Martin: Pittsburg, 1; Minneapolis, 17.

Mr. Oesch: 55 for Pittsburg, 11 for Minneapolis.

Mr. Rode: Pittsburg, 25.

Mr. Stone: St. Louis, 5; Minneapolis, 10; Pittsburg, 31.

Mr. Sawyer: Pittsburg.

Mr. Toppa: Pittsburg, 10; Minneapolis, 10; St. Louis, 1.

Mr. Wylie: Pittsburg, 20; Minneapolis, 19; St. Louis, 1.

Mr. Wolsieffer: St. Louis, 1; Chicago, 1; Minneapolis, 12; Pittsburgh, 62.

The Secretary: I will figure them up later, but Pittsburg, of course, is elected.

Mr. Rode: That banner did the business.

The result of the vote appeared by the roll call to be as follows:

Pittsburg, 261; Minneapolis, 87; St. Louis, 8; Chicago, 1.

Mr. Martin: On behalf of Minneapolis I move that the election of Pittsburg be made unanimous.

The motion being seconded, was unanimously carried.

The President: Pittsburg is the next convention seat. Will you kindly consider the time of the next convention.

Mr. Oesch: If such a thing is possible, I prefer that the next convention be held in the month of July instead of the month of August. That is for my personal satisfaction, inasmuch as our busy season begins in August, and I would like to get away and go to Pittsburg.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, that point has been raised before because of the difference in the vacation time between the East and the Middle States and the West, and experience has shown that August is the best time for conventions. A canvass was taken one year informally in advance in order to determine that, and while we can fully sympathize with our Chicago friends and those from farther West, I base my opinion on experience of several years that the best time is in or near the middle of August.

Mr. Wolsieffer: It has got to be in August, hasn't it, according to the constitution?

Mr. Deats: No, each convention fixes the time and place.

Mr. Gregory: It used to be, but it has been changed.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. Deats, didn't we have the convention once in June?

Mr. Deats: Oh, yes, it has been in September, too.

Mr. Doebelin: I mean, haven't we had it in late years once in June?

Mr. Deats: No, it was years ago.

Mr. Wylie: Has Mr. Rode any suggestion to make in regard to that? I think we are willing to accommodate ourselves to Pittsburg in regard to that, otherwise I will make a motion.

Mr. Rode: It is immaterial.

Mr. Wylie moved that the convention be held on the second Tuesday in August, 1904, and the motion was seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

Springfield, Mass., August 11, 1903.

H. E. Deats, Secretary American Philatelic Association, Hubbard House, Clayton, N. Y.

Springfield Stamp Club congratulates the American Philatelic Association. Hope to have you here again in a few years.

T. J. Champagne, Secretary.

Mr. Oesch: What do they want? Do they want it all the time?

Mr. Luff: No, they say "in a few years."

Mr. Oesch: Well, in 1922, I think.

The President: The Committee on Branch Societies is ready to report.

Mr. Doebelin: I move we adjourn till tomorrow morning at nine thirty. We have not much more business on hand; we can do it tomorrow.

The President: You want to hear this one report.

Mr. Toppin: A motion to adjourn is always in order.

The President: The motion to adjourn is in order. (Putting the question.) The Chair is undecided.

Mr. Batchelder: I would like to ask if there is any business that should be done now before we adjourn.

The President: Nothing necessarily. The Chair is undecided; the Secretary will please call the roll. (Cries of "Rising vote!")

A rising vote being taken, the motion to adjourn was lost; yes, 11; no, 14.

The President: The motion is lost. Mr. Gregory will you kindly—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Mr. Gregory read the following report:

Mr. President and Members:

GENTLEMEN:—Reports from the Resident Vice-Presidents indicate on the surface, general prosperity philatelically among the branches.

Nearly every report however indicates a lukewarmness on the part of the majority of the membership who fail to recognize that loyalty to the Association is thus devolved upon a few.

This however is usually the case in such organizations.

The burden-bearer however who uncomplainingly continue their efforts in the interests of many expect and should receive from the beneficiaries some recognition of their labor.

Eventually, not receiving this recognition they lay down the burden and wait knowing that after a time those who, now ignore will cry out for help.

The reports of the Resident Vice-Presidents show that this condition of stagnation has been already nearly or quite reached—the only remedy we can suggest appears to be to revive in every member a realizing sense of personal duty.

Until this is accomplished present conditions must continue.

We look to the work of the membership committee to help in awakening the careless members from this lethargic condition.

W. F. GREGORY,
GEO. W. RODE,
J. DENALO BARTLETT.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; if there are no objections it will be received and accepted.

FUNDS FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Mr. Martin: Mr. President, I don't know that remarks are in order; I am simply asking for information. Has the Membership Committee any funds with which to work?

The Secretary: \$34.25.

Mr. Oesch: That is plenty.

The President: You have the fund left over from the last Committee, which will be sent for your use, and then you can ask for donations, as the other Committee did.

Mr. Martin: Would it be in place for me to ask for donations at this time?

Mr. Oesch: No, you have got enough; we didn't have a cent to start with, and we have turned over \$34.

The President: I don't see any objections to your asking; I don't know what you will get. I will be very glad to see you get a list.

Mr. Gregory: Can you ask for an appropriation before you have outlined your work and know what to get?

APPROPRIATION FOR INDEX COMMITTEE.

Mr. Stone: Can I ask whether the unexpended appropriation made last year for the Index Committee is available, or would it have to be re-appropriated this year? We shall probably want some money this year.

The President: My opinion would be that it would be available.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that since the appropriation made for the Index Committee last year was not expended, that the appropriation be continued.

Mr. Luff: Does it lapse at the end of the year if it is not drawn?

The President: That is a question. My opinion is that it stands.

Mr. Ireland: Is this the question of the appropriation for the Index Committee?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Ireland: Is there any left over from last year?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Ireland: Was anything given to them?

The President: Yes, they received \$25 last year.

Mr. Deats: No, they didn't receive it.

The President: They received the power to draw \$25 last year.

A Voice: They did not draw it.

The President: They have the privilege to draw it this year, haven't they?

Mr. Stone: I don't know whether it lapsed or not.

Mr. Batchelder: The appropriation was made for the uses of that committee, and that committee is continued. It would hardly seem that the appropriation was withdrawn unless a definite motion was made for that purpose.

The President: Mr. Toppan, can you tell us about that?

Mr. Toppan: I think it holds over. Still, there is no harm in passing a motion to that effect.

The President: Then if somebody will make a motion to re-appropriate it?

Mr. Luff: As I made the motion last year, Mr. President, I will make it this year. I move that we re-appropriate the \$25 which was granted to the Index Committee last year.

The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROPRIATION FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Mr. Wolsieffer: It does not seem to be generally known that the Membership Committee operated last year entirely on volunteer work, voluntary contributions, and part of that voluntary contribution was from members and from a sale of stamps at auction. The Membership Committee have left some of those little booklets, I think, haven't they, Mr. Oesch?

Mr. Oesch: They have.

Mr. Wolsieffer: That was the greatest part of the expenses, the booklets and sending them out. That booklet did very good work, and some matter of a similar nature can be added to it and sent out, and I think the appropriation that they now have is ample for some time, so there will not be any necessity of making any appropriation for them. They can see after they get to work what they need, and if they run out of funds they can make a claim.

Mr. Oesch: As I understand, it is not necessary to make any appropriation. If they feel called upon to spend any money they go ahead and spend it and send their bill to the Board of Vice-Presidents. I was given to understand that if I did that I would be reimbursed.

The President: If they approved the bill.

Mr. Wolsieffer: The only thing is, there ought to be some amount fixed.

The President: The proper way would be to direct the Board of Vice-Presidents in advance.

Mr. Deats: Or the Board of Directors.

The President: I think in view of the fact of the good work that Mr. Martin has done this year, they ought to be able to accomplish a great deal.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Well, Mr. President, that is a fact. They are a committee and any expense they incur they ought to be allowed to put in their bills for. There ought to be some

understanding how far they shall go. Suppose they get out an elaborate booklet costing a hundred dollars? We are bound to pay the bills.

Mr. Oesch: Let them spend the money.

Mr. Wolsieffer: To have the thing right and not to hamper in any way this committee or let them imagine that we think they will spend a large amount of money, but simply for security for the future, the amount ought to be fixed.

Mr. Gregory: I move that a sum not exceeding \$100 be appropriated for the expenses of the Membership Committee, to be expended at their discretion.

Mr. Oesch: That would make a sum of \$136 for the committee.

Mr. Gregory: Well, let them use it.

The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Doeblin: Mr. President, if nothing else is coming up, I guess our Secretary forgot to put the report of the International Secretary in the hands of the Finance Committee. I, as International Secretary, asked for two allowances; the first was to send a cablegram to the convention of the German philatelic societies at Pfortzheim in Baden; second, I asked for a contribution for the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt*. As my report did not go to the Finance Committee they did not report on it. So I ask the convention to allow these two items.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I move the four dollars be appropriated for the cable message to the German convention, as asked by the International Secretary. The *Korrespondenz Tagblatt* I don't know anything about.

Mr. Bartels: Second the motion as to the first.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Oesch: Mr. President, I move the subscription to the—(hesitating)

Mr. Luff: *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt*.

The motion was seconded and carried, after which, on motion, the convention adjourned to meet at 9:30 Thursday morning.

THIRD SESSION. Thursday Morning, Aug. 13, 1903.

The Convention met at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Rode read the final report of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

MR. PRESIDENT:—The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report, that since its last report it has received four additional proxies, viz.:—Eben S. Martin, 1; John J. Oesch, 1; W. C. Stone, 1; P. M. Wolsieffer, 1.

It further reports that the proxies credited to Mr. Eben S. Martin have been duly transferred to Mr. John J. Oesch.

Two additional ballots have been received, but of course, they were unavailable, not having reached the Committee before the close of the polls.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN N. LUFF,
GEO. L. TOPPAN,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
W. F. GREGORY,
GEO. W. RODE.
Committee.

ACCOUNTS OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT SMITH.

The President: Any other reports, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary: Mr. President, the special committee to audit the books of Sales Superintendent Smith failed to get together for some reason or other, some misunderstanding, and their report has not yet reached me. I therefore ask leave to publish this report in the Official Journal when it reaches me and also to include it in the Year Book at this point in the proceedings.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that it be so ordered.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Oesch and carried.

The following report was subsequently filed with the Secretary:

To the Officers and Directors of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The committee appointed to audit the books of H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn., ex-Sales Superintendent of the American Philatelic Association, respectfully reports that after due scrutiny, it conforms the evidence of the entries in the respective books. However, such is the nature of the items that it cannot be expected that the committee can do further than justify the entries of bookkeeping as they stand. Consequently, if by any unlikely chance there should be unsatisfied claims arising from Mr. Smith's administration, they should be filed with the committee within sixty days. If none is filed this report is tendered as a final one.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
S. T. S. DONCYSON,
C. E. SEVERN.
Auditing Committee.

CASE OF A. A. LEVE.

The Secretary: Mr. President, I have received a registered letter from Mr. Ab. Leve of Syracuse, who was expelled during the past year in accordance with the vote of the last convention. Is it your pleasure that it be read?

The President: I think that is out of order. The action of the last convention in regard to Mr. Leve was final; nothing can come up. He has no standing here.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, of course I don't know just how that letter is addressed, but has not any person a right to address a letter to an officer of this convention—an officer of this body, rather?

The President: I suppose they have a right to.

Mr. Batchelder: I am not anxious to hear that read; I have had several letters myself.

Mr. Doebelin: So have I.

Mr. Batchelder: But it seems to me it is a question how that letter is addressed, whether it should be read or not, and what the nature of it is.

The President: Well, anybody has a right to address a letter; we don't have to read it.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, if you have read the letter through and feel satisfied that it contains statements that ought not to be presented to this body, why, of course we are qualified to throw the communication out without its being read. But if the letter is couched in proper form, it seems to me as though he has just as much the right to have it read as would any person addressing the Association. If, however, you feel satisfied that it is a letter that had better not be read except by title, we have the power of throwing it out.

The President: That is my opinion.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, I am probably about as much of an interested party in this question as anyone, and I make a motion that the letter be received, read and acted upon.

Mr. Gregory: Second the motion.

Mr. Toppan: I rise to a point of order. The Chair has already ruled the matter out of order, and no further proposition can be entertained unless an appeal is first made.

The President: You can appeal from my decision, Mr. Wolsieffer.

(There was no response.)

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. WILLIAM E. LOY.

The President: Have you a letter from Mr. Loy, Mr. Luff?

Mr. Luff: I have received a letter from Mr. Loy with some little matters, Mr. President; is it time for that sort of thing? If it is I will be pleased to read it. I don't know that it is anything that calls for discussion. It is merely something that I understood he wanted to bring before the convention. Mr. Loy writes me and says:

405 Sansome Street, San Francisco, Aug. 5, 1903.

Mr. John N. Luff, Clayton, N. Y.:

DEAR MR. LUFF:—Your letter of July 27th reached me two days ago, and I fear that I cannot say much more because the time is short. There are some matters I had thought I would write about quite at length, but perhaps it is well not to, though I do want to enter my protest against:

I. The adoption of any sort of button or badge. Even if the Association should adopt one we would not *have* to wear it, but it seems to me it is too trivial a matter to be seriously considered by *men*.

II. If an attempt is made to endorse or recommend to the Post-office Department to issue a commemorative stamp with the portrait of Napoleon next year, I should like to see it sat down on *hard*. I have read an article from a St. Louis daily paper favoring it, and I have been strongly tempted to address the editor and show him how ridiculous is the idea. Our American citizens are woefully ignorant of the facts of history. I sent off to Mekeel's a letter, but I don't know whether they will publish it, in which I have pointed to the plain facts of history. All that is necessary is to *read*. It should be well known that France could not hold the Louisiana country, and Napoleon was simply looking for someone to take it as a *gift*. Naturally he did not want England to have it, as he was at war with that nation, and he had but recently (within two years) obtained it by treaty from Spain, so it was obviously out of the question to return it to Spain. No other European power then had any foothold on this continent, and he found in the United States the logical inheritor, who was at the same time willing to pay fifteen millions for it! France sought to send a warship and a detachment for garrisoning the only port she had—New Orleans—and King George III. quietly bottled them up so they could not cross the Atlantic in furtherance of the plan. Napoleon had no good feeling for America. He was down on our form of government, however he may have played to the gallery in the so-called Republic of France, and his entire after-career showed this. * * * It has been said that we have honored crowned heads by putting Ferdinand and Isabella on our commemorative issues, but the case is not a parallel one. These monarchs did something for the world. They encouraged Columbus to go forth and discover new lands, and we know the result.

But above all it is not in accord with the principles and practices of Americans to do homage to a prince or ruler of a foreign country. We show them scant courtesy when they visit us,—we treat them as any respectable visitor should be treated, but it ends there. Then there are more than enough great Americans who have not yet been accorded the distinction of a place in our philatelic portrait gallery, without going to other lands.

In my letter to Mekeel's I took the ground that philatelists should discourage commemorative stamps anyway. If it continues we shall have a new issue every year, and be in the same category with the Central American states. Do not forget that the Northwest is to celebrate the discovery of the mouth of the Columbia River and the great inland Pacific empire

by Lewis and Clark in 1804-05-06 next year (1905) at Portland, Oregon, and I have no doubt there are philatelists who will ask a similar recognition of that event. It will be just as much entitled to such notoriety as the event of 1904. Although I have a certain local pride in all that pertains to the Pacific Coast, I am willing the event should be ignored by the Post-office Department.

One other matter I wished to speak of is the Year Book. I fear I cannot do so without reflecting on previous issues, but it does seem to me it would reflect more credit on the Association if we cut out of the stenographer's notes all the trivialities so noticeable in previous issues. It seems like a waste of energy on the part of the printer to set up words used by the Chair in putting the motion, with all the little by-play accompaniments thereto, and the jokes that sound well enough to those who hear them, but seem very stale to a man three thousand miles away who reads them in cold type and has to imagine the environment. To particularize would be offensive, and I only mention these features in a general way. The reader of the proceedings wants to *know what was done*, and he will be content with the statement of *facts*. Were there nothing else to engage the attention of delegates, we might tolerate it; but there are so many weighty subjects requiring elucidation that we would like to hear that some really original papers had been presented to the assembly, discussed, and ordered printed in the Year Book.

I know the occasion is largely one of good-fellowship, which is proper, but it ought not exclude the scientific side of philately. It would be good to know that those who attended the convention came away with some new facts and new ideas, and had something else to remember than the banquet, the excursions, and the many attractions of the sights of Clayton or other place where the philatelic solons sit down in annual conclave.

If there is any scarcity of desirable places to hold the next convention, I trust your fealty to San Francisco has not so far dwindled that you cannot put in a claim for us. Of course we of the Coast cannot expect the matter to be seriously considered when there is no California representative to be with you; but I assure you if the convention ever comes to San Francisco we will turn out to a man. And I believe further that few cities in the United States offer more that is new and altogether novel than San Francisco. * * *

I sincerely hope you may have a good convention, and that a new impulse may be given philately. I know no one who is likely to be with you, except that I have met Mr. Deats, Mr. Wolsieffer, and Mr. I. A. Mekeel; but all have my good wishes. Very truly yours,

WILLIAM E. LOY.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Loy's letter. If there are any suggestions in it that you want to act upon, why, now is the time.

FORM OF BALLOTS.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I have another letter here; I don't know really whether the latter end calls for any action by us, but it does seem as though possibly something might be done to bring out a certain part of our constitution and by-laws that does not seem to have struck most people. Some time ago I wrote some friends of mine asking for proxies and asking them to sign and send in their ballots either to me or to the convention,—that we needed to get out a more respectable vote. I think more than 90 per cent of the people sent back the proxy all right, but not a word of the ballot. And I wrote one or two of them, asking them why—whether they had sent it in, or did not intend to send it in, or what. This is one reason I received in reply:

"The reason I did not send a signed ballot was because I thought my proxy was sufficient for you to vote on it on all questions."

That is what two-thirds of them said: "I thought when I sent you a proxy I sent you the right to sign a ballot." I think perhaps we could do something about that. I think that is why we have had such a small vote in previous years—that they thought when they gave their proxies they were giving the right to sign the ballot.

Mr. Gregory: In years past—I cannot say how recently—it has been the custom of proxy holders to fill out ballots and vote for candidates on the strength of those proxies. I know it was done at the time of the New York Convention; whether more recently I cannot say.

Mr. Doebelin: This was done under the laws of—

Mr. Gregory: West Virginia?

Mr. Doebelin: Of West Virginia.

Mr. Gregory: Well, that may have made a difference.

Mr. Toppaw: The plain fact, as stated in the by-laws, that the polls shall close at noon of the day preceding the opening of the convention, precludes all possibility of giving the holder of the proxy authority to sign a ballot. The proxy does not become effective until the

convention convenes, which is some twenty hours after the closing of the polls. There is no possible chance there.

Mr. Gregory: I question your ruling, Mr. Toppan, in that respect. The proxy becomes effective as soon as signed and delivered.

Mr. Toppan: The proxy plainly states "at the annual convention, to be held in Clayton in August, 1903." Therefore it does not become effective until the convention.

Mr. Wylie: That proxy can be superceded by a later proxy, cannot it not?

Mr. Toppan: Yes, it can be superceded at any time.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, in order to bring this matter up for discussion and expression of opinion, I would like to make a motion. I move that in future the ballots of the Association bear a notice to members that the signing of the proxy does not convey the right to sign a ballot, and that if the member wishes to vote he must sign his ballot and send it in.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Toppan.

Mr. Oesch: I move to amend that motion to read "printed in bold type."

Mr. Luff: I would like to ask if it would be better to put that on the proxies or on the ballots. I suppose the proper place is on the proxy.

Mr. Stone: On both.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, before that motion is put I have thought about that same matter considerable and talked with one or two; and it seems to me it would be better to put that on a separate slip—have nothing else on the slip. If you have it there the members will read it; if you have it on the proxy they will not. They say, "Here is another proxy; I will sign it and send it off," and that is the end of it. It strikes me that if the Secretary would make out a small slip and put that information on the slip and enclose it with the proxy and ballot, it would be read; otherwise, it would not.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, reference to the constitution rather sustains my position. The understanding otherwise may be due to the wording of the proxies as they have been printed. The constitution says—

Mr. Deats: You mean the by-laws; we have no constitution.

Mr. Gregory: By-laws. Article 6, Section 1, contains these paragraphs:

"The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials."

Further: "Nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy."

Mr. Luff: That is to say, he shall not be permitted to vote by proxy.

Mr. Gregory: It forbids his voting by proxy or to change his vote after it has been received. I misread it.

Mr. Toppan: I misread it several times myself, Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Luff: I should like to accept Mr. Carpenter's amendment to my motion, that the notice be printed on a separate slip instead of on the ballot. I think they would be more likely to read it there.

Mr. Wolsieffer: I would make an amendment to the amendment, that a stub be printed on the proxy, the same as you have "No protest" on a check, and be perforated; then that can be torn off or left on, it does not make any difference which. If you put in a slip they are liable to open the letter carelessly and it will drop out and be thrown away, or they may keep it and pay no attention to it. But if you have it attached to the ballot or the proxy there is no way of losing it unless they tear it off.

Mr. Hubbell: Mr. President, I would like to make an amendment to the amendment to the amendment, or whatever it is. I suggest printing in red ink on the margin of the blanks the information that you want to give, and that would be apt to attract attention, the rest of the matter being printed in black. I should think that might possibly solve the problem.

Mr. Doeblin: Mr. President, I have some kind of an idea. Print on top of the ballot, "This ballot has to be signed by the member himself, and not by his proxy." That is plain German. (Laughter.) They can understand it.

The President: I have not heard any seconds to any of these amendments.

Mr. Batchelder: I think the separate slip is the best. Most people on receiving a com-

munication in which they have any interest whatever, naturally look at all of the different articles in that communication, and if they have no further interest they dump it. If they have any further interest whatever they will keep it. I think a separate slip* is the best and will call their attention most forcibly.

Mr. Carpenter: I made no motion or amendment, I made a suggestion, but as it seemed to meet with favor from some of the members I now make it as an amendment.

Mr. Batchelder: I second it.

Mr. Luff: I accept the amendment.

Mr. Luff's motion, which as amended provided that in future the ballots of the Association when sent out shall be accompanied by a separate slip bearing a notice to members that the signing of the proxy does not convey the right to sign a ballot, and that if the member wishes to vote for directors he must sign his ballot and send it to the Committee on Credentials, was put to vote and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Mr. Stone read the following report:

Your committee have considered the reports of the Librarian and Assistant Librarian, and regret that mere use is not made of the Library, outside of Pittsburg. But the growth of philatelic libraries in the other large philatelic centres of the country makes our library more of a local affair.

In view of the fact that the Convention will meet next year at Pittsburg, we recommend that special effort be made to increase the number of bound volumes in the library.

We recommend that fifty dollars be appropriated for binding, to be expended at the discretion of the Assistant Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,

WM. C. STONE,

E. DOEBLIN.

On motion of Mr. Toppa, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

FOREIGN PROXIES.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, in the first report of the Committee on Credentials there was a recommendation as to some notice on the proxies to foreign members about having their proxies vised. Has any action been taken on that?

The Secretary: Mr. President, that matter was referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents for investigation and report to the Board of Directors in time for the necessary action to be taken before the proxies and ballots are sent out.

TIME OF MAILING PROXY BLANKS AND BALLOTS.

Mr. Doeblin: Mr. President, I wish you would see that the proxies and ballots are sent to the members not more than one week in advance of the convention.

Mr. Luff: I guess that would be illegal.

The Secretary: They have to be sent out sixty days ahead.

Mr. Toppa: Sixty days' notice is required.

Mr. Doeblin: Then send another notice out a week before. I found that in Pittsburg not more than two men had their proxies and ballots on hand when I called on them to sign. We had to write Mr. Deats twice for proxies and ballots. They lose them. If you don't go to them and say, "Here is a proxy and a ballot; sign them," they will not attend to it.

Mr. Oesch: If that is the case I think the Pittsburg branch had better pay for the ballots that are printed.

Mr. Doeblin: Yes, I will make them pay; they have money enough.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, I might inform Brother Doeblin that the Chicago Branch sent out proxies twice at an interval of about three weeks, and the ballots the second time. I know that Mr. Deats sent them out, so they should have each received three, to my knowledge, besides the others which Mr. Doeblin says he had to send for.

Mr. Doeblin: I don't care if you send them half a dozen.

Mr. Oesch: Wylie sent them out.

EXHIBITION AT PITTSBURG.

The President: Gentlemen, is there to be any discussion as to the question of having an exhibit at Pittsburg next summer?

The Secretary: Mr. President, it seems to me that it is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Pittsburg members. If they want to provide an exhibit at that time they have the opportunity and the privilege, I am sure, and I am equally sure that members of the Association will aid them by making such exhibits as they may be called on to do. There is no better place in the country than the Carnegie Library at Pittsburg in which to hold such an exhibit.

READING OF PAPERS AT CONVENTIONS.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, there are a couple of matters in Mr. Loy's letter that it seems to me we ought to give more than passing attention to. I don't know as I am prepared to make a motion, but it seems to me that while we all look to have a good deal of sociability in connection with the convention, we ought to have something along the line that Mr. Loy suggests. I don't know how much we could do in that line at the next convention, but if we could make a beginning I think it would be a capital thing. I refer to something in connection with the scientific part of our work that will give us something to think about and talk about. I don't know just what course could be taken in regard to it, but I think it would be wise if we could have something of that kind. And then, in regard to the abridgment of the reports of the stenographer, I think that would be a good scheme, too, if we could develop some plan for that.

Mr. Batchelder: It occurred to me when that letter was read that that was a letter which should be read by every member of the Association. I do not mean to say that every member of the Association reads the Year Book, because I think that they do not; but many of them do, and I think if that letter were incorporated in the Year Book in toto that it would have a good effect.

The President: For the information of Mr. Wylie I might say in regard to Mr. Loy's suggestion of reading papers, a certain member of this Association offered a cash prize for the best paper read, and there were none presented.

Mr. Oesch: Yes, Mr. Chairman, why was there none presented? For the simple reason, the fact of the matter was that someone did offer such a prize at a convention to be competed for at the following convention, but nothing more was said of it for the entire year. I had a paper in preparation at the time, but inasmuch as nothing had been said about it I thought I had better hold the paper myself. Another thing connected with the prize was that the article had to be read in person. As I could not attend the convention I was not able to compete.

Mr. Luff: This is the first I ever heard of it. I think it would be a very good idea, Mr. President, if you would make an appointment right now for someone to read a paper next year. Our friend, Mr. Wylie, is used to writing for papers, etc., and I think you might put him down for a paper next year.

Mr. Wylie: I will accept the appointment of trying to find somebody.

Mr. Wolsieffer: I was present at the time that the gentleman made that offer at Milwaukee, and I think, although, I am not sure, that I offered to wager with the gentleman that the prize would not be competed for,—I think Mr. Toppan was in the group when I made that remark,—because we are not all of us John N. Luffs or William E. Loys who care for the classical in philately. The most of us when we attend these conventions come for a social time, and leave cares of business behind. We come for a little bit of a vacation, and probably some of the gentlemen who have heard the remark that I made over at the hotel that I do not have very much sympathy for the extreme minor varieties, consequently I cannot enthuse over a letter where it is suggested that we have many classical articles or things pertaining to stamps read at our convention. We come here simply for the detail of the business of the year. Now abroad, I am well aware of the fact that they do read such papers, and I am also told that there are anywhere from half a dozen to a dozen of the delegates who remain in

the room while these papers are read, and the rest of them are found out where—

A Voice: Where Doebelin goes.

Mr. Doebelin: Excuse me, they drink at the same time that they read the papers. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wolsieffer: Well, I will accept Mr. Doebelin's explanation. I was not quite clear on that point.

Mr. Hubbel: You didn't suppose the reading was so near the tap room.

Mr. Wolsieffer: We would not appreciate those papers so well here at the time as we would if they were published in the Year Book, and if they can be presented and then put in the Year Book so we can read them at our leisure, I think we would develop—

Mr. Hubbel: How many of the members would read them?

Mr. Batchelder: I had the good fortune to attend the meeting of the International Society at Dresden last year. At one of those sessions, which began at nine o'clock on Saturday night and lasted until three o'clock on Sunday morning, the interest was so great that the great proportion of the members—and there were ladies amongst them—remained until the close of the meeting. But the interest was confined, it seemed to me, quite generally to mugs of beer and wine about the tables. There were about a hundred people at the meeting. I left about one o'clock in the morning, and I was the first one to leave, and I was told the next day that they stayed there until three o'clock the next morning. But it was free beer and free wine.

Mr. Doebelin: They know a good thing when they see it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Deats: I move that we take a recess, to be called to order on the steamer "Ramona." The motion prevailed and the recess was taken.

As it proved impracticable to hold the meeting on board the steamer, as had been arranged, the convention reassembled in the hall at 11:15 a. m.

ASSOCIATION MEDAL.

The President: Gentlemen, we have some unfinished business, I believe, before us. It has been suggested that the Association appropriate a certain sum of money to procure a die for a medal which is to be used as the Association may see fit in giving awards at various exhibitions and at any exhibition which the Association may hold at its annual convention. If somebody will make a motion to that effect we can bring it up for discussion if desired.

Mr. Oesch: Mr. President, I move that the sum of \$25 be appropriated for a die.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Deats.

Mr. Luff: I beg your pardon, gentlemen; make it \$150, and you may get your die.

Mr. Oesch: Mr. President, the magnificent sum of \$21, I think, was expended for the die used by the Chicago Philatelic Society and I assure you it is a first-class die.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, you saw at the last convention the die that the Twin City Philatelic Society has had made. It cost \$20.

Mr. Luff: The Philatelic Society of New York had to pay much more than that.

Mr. Oesch: I think that I am about six dollars up. I think our die cost \$15 instead of \$21.

The President: That won't stamp gold and silver.

Mr. Oesch: It will stamp gold and silver; it stamps everything. Several of them have been stamped from it.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, in view of the fact that we have made several appropriations for committees and that we see no immediate necessity for using this die, I hardly see any reason why we should vote any money for it. Something may come up later for which we should want a special die, and then it would be time enough. I should think the Board of Vice-Presidents could authorize somebody to expend a sufficient amount for a die. I do not see any occasion for an expenditure for a die, unless the society is going into the exhibition business and is to give regular medals.

Mr. Deats: I think it was the idea that the association should have a suitable die prepared from which medals could be struck and offered by the Board of Directors to such local societies as might hold exhibitions at various times; that this association medal should

be awarded for such particular exhibits as the Board of Directors might determine from time to time, as the exhibitions were announced; that these medals might be struck in the various metals, and that the matter should be covered by a resolution, not incorporated in the by-laws. It would seem advisable, now that a greater interest in the artistic side of medallic work is being aroused and the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York is conducting a school for die cutting under the charge of Mr. Victor D. Brenner, who has cut a number of important American medals recently. I cannot agree with Mr. Oesch in the matter of the die he mentioned for the Chicago society, because the die for a medal must be in one piece; that is the die for each side must be in one piece. The Chicago badge is struck from two separate dies and the two pieces are then fastened together. That is not properly a medal. By a medal we mean a piece of metal struck to commemorate some event, or in memory of some person, as distinguished from a coin which has a monetary value.

Mr. Oesch: What difference does it make whether you stick it together with solder or whether it is one piece?

Mr. Deats: It must be in one piece to be a medal.

Mr. Oesch: Is that so? All of our medals so far have been accepted as medals, and they were all soldered. And regarding the obverse, it is not necessary, for the simple reason that you are going to put engraving on your medal anyway, and you might engrave the entire medal.

Mr. Deats: It is true that many of the so-called medals that are offered today, especially in public schools, are simply a piece of metal with the design wholly engraved by hand and only one made, and by courtesy they have come to be called medals; but in the eyes of numismatists generally they are recognized as badges and never classed as medals. I am sure that Mr. Rode, as a coin collector of many years' experience, and Mr. Stone, also, will bear me out in this, and that what I have stated are the distinct designations that are accepted by the numismatic societies of New York, Boston, and London.

Mr. Oesch: Well, make the appropriation three hundred dollars.

The President: Mr. Luff, I think, can tell us something about medals.

Mr. Luff: I beg your pardon, gentlemen; I have been so rude that I have not been listening.

The President: Take the floor and tell us what you know about medals.

Mr. Luff: I don't know anything more than what Mr. Deats has just stated as to what constitutes a medal and what constitutes a piece of metal; but I do know that in New York city we have on one or two occasions proposed to have dies for the different societies there to strike medals from, and we found they cost a great deal more than people thought. We have just been trying our best to get one for the Collector's Club. We originally appropriated \$100 for it, and the committee had to come up to us and tell us the best they could do at a special price was \$150 for the dies for the obverse and reverse, and the reverse is very simple; it has very little work on it, and as a special favor the man made it for \$150 because Mr. Scott has thrown some big jobs in his hands that other people wanted, and he cut the price from \$200 to \$150.

Mr. Carpenter: I had some experience getting a die made for the Boston society medal, and while ours was very simple, as it was an experiment in the first place, we offered the medals to the society and we got a die for one side only, but the die which we got for one side cost us less than ten dollars.

Mr. Oesch: That was the medal, wasn't it? Our medals donated by the Chicago Philatelic Society have always been accepted as medals, and I have heard it said that they were very fine medals. Mr. Luff has one (laughter); he knows that they are fine.

Mr. Luff: I am very glad to have one, whatever they cost.

Mr. Doeblin: Very fine.

Mr. Oesch: If a die costs more than the sum I have mentioned, I don't think we could afford it (Cries of "Question!") I am going to vote against that motion.

Mr. Rode: I move to amend the motion to read, "that we appropriate a sufficient sum."

The President: At the discretion of the Board of Directors?

Mr. Rode: Yes.

The Chairman: Does anybody second the amendment?

Mr. Doebelin: I second the amendment.

The President: The amendment is seconded.

Mr. Carpenter: Is it open for discussion now?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Carpenter: While I would like to see a die owned by the society for such an occasion as this, I don't believe at the present time that we can afford \$150 for such a project. If a die can be obtained for \$25 or \$50 I should be in favor of the association buying it. It does not seem to me that we can afford to put out \$150.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, whenever the society is ready to get the die made, send us the order to Pittsburg. I will give you a die for \$20 or \$25, any design you want. I know it can be done. One of our members does a very fine piece of work. He made a medal for us and we paid \$20 for the die; we paid a dollar for the silver medals and 25 cents for the bronze medals.

A Voice: Cheap enough.

Mr. Deats: It seems to me if this association takes up this important matter, that the die prepared should be one that should last a lifetime—a philatelic lifetime—and that it should be one worthy of the national association of stamp collectors. And so I believe that when that die is ordered the order should be given to the best artists that can be found in the country. There are very few outside of the men employed in the United States mint who would come under that heading, so far as I am aware.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I move that this matter be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents to investigate and report upon at the next convention.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Deats and carried.

The President: The convention will take a recess of three minutes, so that the Board of Directors can meet to elect the officers who have not yet been chosen.

A recess was thereupon taken.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President: The convention will come to order again, please. The secretary will announce the appointments.

The Secretary: Mr. President, the Board of Directors at a meeting held this morning elected Mr. George L. Toppan as counterfeit detector, and Mr. George W. Rode, Dr. Eaton and Mr. A. G. Burgoyne of Pittsburg as the special committee on library.

Mr. Toppan: Mr. President, Mr. George L. Toppan highly appreciates the offer, but he wouldn't take it at a dollar per. He declines absolutely.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, as this is an official matter and as this necessitates an official notification, I presume under the circumstances no resignation could be accepted any-way unless in writing.

Mr. Deats: None at all.

The President: Is there any further business, Mr. Secretary?

PAPERS TO BE READ AT THE NEXT CONVENTION.

(See pages 72-73.)

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, at the time we took a recess earlier in this session we were considering the proposition of Mr. Loy (see pages 68-69), relative to the reading of papers at conventions. I agree heartily with what has been said here, that our conventions are not the place for the presentation of elaborate technical papers. But those who were here eight years ago will recall with me the interesting address given by our lamented friend, C. P. Krauth, on mechanical appliances for use of stamp collectors, and the interesting talk by C.

H. Mekeel describing the circumstances of the then recent find of St. Louis stamps, with a demonstration of the various changes in the plate and the distinguishing marks of the several types. Both those addresses were interesting and instructive, and we learned from them much that we have remembered with pleasure. Neither of those was a written paper, but both were informal talks. Now there are innumerable subjects on what might be called the popular side of philately, on which many of our members could without the necessity of spending much time for preparation give us equally interesting papers or talks, which would be a most attractive feature of our conventions and add largely to the value of the Year Book. It has been said that members will not take the trouble to write papers to read at the convention. The truth is, they have never been asked specifically to do so. Call upon a member for a specific thing that you want done, and nine times out of ten he will do it. I therefore move that the secretary be instructed to arrange for the presentation at the next convention of two or three papers or informal talks by members on subjects of general philatelic interest, not to exceed twenty minutes each in length.

Mr. Luff: I second the motion, Mr. President.

The motion was carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burt, for the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That for his long and untiring labors for the good of the association, with a constant care for its progress and prosperity, our thanks are heartily tendered to our retiring secretary, H. E. Deats.

The resolution was received with applause and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That with our recollections of this delightful week among the Thousand Islands we shall retain a sense of appreciation of the work of the Committee of Arrangements in providing for our comfort and pleasure. (Applause.)

Mr. Luff: I think the thanks had better be given to the chairman of the committee alone, Dr. Stebbins.

Mr. Batchelder: I think it would be a good idea for the members of that committee to wait until the resolution has really gone through before they throw bouquets back.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That our congratulations are extended to our President, Alexander Holland, on the completion of his first year of successful administration, and we pledge him our cordial support in the year to come. (Applause.)

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The President: You have had one speech from me already, gentlemen, and you have heard about as much as necessary, I think. We will have the next resolution.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That we look forward with pleasure to our visit to Pittsburg in 1904, and to Brother Doebelin and his colleagues and family we wish a most cordial "auf wiedersehen." (Applause.)

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

(Cries of "Speech!")

Mr. Doebelin: I won't say anything today, but when you come to Pittsburg I will have something to say.

The President: Gentlemen, if there is nothing further we will listen to Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that the convention adjourn sine die.

The motion was put to vote and carried, and at 11:40 a. m. the President declared the convention adjourned.

THE LIBRARY.

The joint committee appointed by the American Philatelic Association, Branch 5, the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburg Philatelic Club, after consultation with Mr.

Anderson, librarian of the Carnegie library of Pittsburg, beg to announce the following rules to be observed by members of the American Philatelic Association desiring to draw books from the philatelic section of the Carnegie library, Pittsburg, Pa.

Upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired, the joint committee will advise the member of the amount of postage, including registration, which will be needed for forwarding the book. This must be sent to the chairman of the committee before the book can be forwarded, unless it is desired to have the book sent by express, in which case the express charge will follow.

Books may be kept by members one month from the date on which they leave Pittsburg, and, upon notice to the committee before the expiration of the month, may be retained for a further period of four weeks, unless in the meantime another application for the same book has been filed at the library.

All books returned must be sent either by express, fully prepaid, or by registered mail.

Books should be returned to Edwin H. Anderson, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa., direct, and postal card notice of the date of the return sent to the chairman of the Library Committee.

All donations of literature should be sent to the assistant librarian, H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The value of books damaged or lost must be borne by the member to whom they are issued, or, in case of his failure to do so, by the association at large.

A complete catalogue of the philatelic books in the Carnegie library is ready, and will be sent to members on application to the assistant librarian.

The committee is endeavoring to obtain donations of philatelic works from a number of foreign authors and publishers, and would respectfully urge upon all collectors interested in having a great central library on philately the propriety of forwarding to the assistant librarian any books or periodicals on the subject which they feel able to dispense with.

G. W. RODE,

Chairman,

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A. G. BURGOYNE,

Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

JOHN D. ALDRICH.

John D. Aldrich was born February 16, 1838, in Center Square, Switzerland County, Indiana. After his marriage he moved in March, 1858, to Indianapolis, in which city three children were born—two sons and a daughter,—all of whom, as well as the widow, survive him. Mr. Aldrich was for many years a contracting carpenter and builder, but in later years was city salesman for a large dry goods store. He was engaged in collecting stamps for the last forty years, devoting much of his leisure to the pursuit, and had a large collection. He also had an extensive collection of shells and old coins.

FRANK F. OLNEY.

Col. Frank F. Olney of Providence, R. I., president of the American Philatelic Association from 1896 to 1899, died October 24, 1903, of pneumonia, after an illness of a few days. He had for many years been a prominent figure in the civic and social life of Providence, where he was loved and honored as few citizens have ever been.

Frank F. Olney was a descendant of Thomas Olney, a fellow-settler with Roger Williams in Providence in 1636. He was born in Jersey City, N. J., March 12, 1851, and was the son of Elam W. and Helen (Fuller) Olney. At nine years of age he went to Providence, where he was brought up by an uncle, Stephen Olney, a prominent manufacturer. He was educated in the Providence schools, was a clerk for some years

in his uncle's office, and afterwards studied law, but never followed the profession, inheriting a large property from his uncle, which required his entire attention.

His military title came from service in the First Light Infantry Regiment of Rhode Island. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company and accompanied them while entertaining the Honorable Artillery Company of London in October, when he probably contracted the cold which resulted in his death. He was also a member of the National Lancers of Boston, the Continental Guards of New Orleans, the New York Yacht Club and many local organizations. His last appearance on any social occasion was only a week before his death, when his friends in the Rhode Island Yacht Club, of which he was commodore, presented him with an oil painting of his yacht.

Col. Olney was a member of the common council in 1890 and 1891, alderman in 1892-3 and mayor 1894-5. He was a member of the City Park Commission from 1895 to the time of his death, and chairman of the Police Commissioners from 1901. His administrative ability and public spirit rendered his official services of great value to his city in every position which he was called to fill.

His death was the cause of widespread grief in Providence, and his funeral, held at the First Congregational (Unitarian) Church, was the occasion for a thoroughly representative gathering of citizens and officials.

Stamp collecting was followed with interest and discrimination for many years by Col. Olney, and the gathering of his large collection gave him great pleasure. He sold his collection to the New England Stamp Company for a large sum in 1900, but afterwards resumed collecting in special lines, and at the time of his death had one of the finest collections of the Danish West Indies to be found in this country.

Those who were associated with Col. Olney while he was President of the American Philatelic Association will recognize the fitness of the following tribute, paid him by the Providence Journal:

"It is almost, if not entirely, possible to say of Col. Olney that he did not possess an enemy in the world. If he had enemies they were men who did not know him personally, for all animosity would disappear upon contact with the man. He was of an unusually lovable disposition, kind hearted and generous to a fault, and with the exuberant and happy spirit of a boy only half concealed behind the manner of a man of the world. It seemed his delight to afford happiness to others; he was a charming companion, and as a host his bountiful hospitality, dispensed with the manner of sincere enjoyment, was not a matter to be easily forgotten. His philanthropic disposition found continuous exercise; his gifts to various charities were not small, and never-ending little acts of kindness to poor people won for him a host of humble friends who will sincerely mourn him. By this characteristic he was eminently fitted for the position of Chairman of the Board of State Charities and Corrections, which he had filled for several years, as well as being Chairman of both the Police and the Park Boards."



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